



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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## ***DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL***

### **Thursday, September 2**

We had quite a storm during the evening of August 10. The rain poured off the church roof like a giant waterfall. I dreaded the drive back to Mount Joy. As I reached the intersection of East Main and Esbenshade the storm clouds were parting. There was a streak of blue sky next to a dark and stormy cloud. Orange and red clouds of sunset reached out in all directions painting a marvelous picture resembling modern art. It was beautiful.

I was reminded of a phrase the ancient Greek poet Homer used in the Iliad – The rosy fingered dawn. Homer uses this phrase when something new is going to happen. The storm was over; a new day was coming. Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection herald a new day. The son of God was present in the world sharing our humanity. It is the message of Christmas and Easter, but it is also the Good News of hope for today.