

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

A Service of Word & Sacrament

February 12, 2023



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

85 E. Brandt Boulevard

Landisville, PA

Connecting with God; Connecting with others; Connecting others with God

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ZION! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us in-person or online today! 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, they are available 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). If you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with our pastor, Pastor Tim.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ZION

IN-PERSON: All are invited to join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

ONLINE: Worship services are live-streamed on the church YouTube channel: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live. If you are unable or prefer not to watch during the live-stream, the recording is available to view any time after the service concludes.

FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING IN-PERSON

- ❖ Mask wearing is optional for all who attend or participate in indoor gatherings, including worship, at the church.
- ❖ Communion is distributed in continuous fashion or you may take one of the communion kits at the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer to commune at your seat.
- ❖ Restrooms are available by the front entrance of the church in the Narthex and in the hallway off the back door. Infant changing tables can be found in the women's and men's bathrooms in the hallway off the back door.
- ❖ Children are welcome to be active participants in the worship service. There are bags located at the back of the sanctuary with quiet worship activities and goodies to take home. Currently, nursery care is not available but you may use the Parlor as a cry room while also still being able to listen to the service.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation (bolded)

† THE GATHERING †

INTRODUCTION

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

TEMPLE TALK FROM OFF THE STREETS

PRELUDE

Please stand if you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away;
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face;
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.



Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away—
Here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

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: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Choose life.

A: Moses said to the people: ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that

you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHAT *This Little Light of Mine*

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Good Soil* **ELW 512**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Matthew 5:21-37

The teaching of Christ: forgiveness.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to

terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown



MATTHEW
5:1-2



BLESSED ARE...

THE POOR IN SPIRIT
THE MEEK
THE MOURNERS
THE PURE IN HEART
THE PEACEMAKERS
THE MERCFUL
THE PURE IN HEART
THE PEACEMAKERS
THOSE WHO HUNGER
AND THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS
THOSE WHO ARE
PERSECUTED FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

5:3-16
YOU ARE
THE SALT
OF THE
EARTH



YOU ARE THE LIGHT
OF THE WORLD.

5:17-20

I HAVE COME **NOT** TO ABOLISH THE LAW, BUT TO **FULFILL IT!**

YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID... **BUT** I SAY TO YOU...

- YOU SHALL NOT... MURDER → HATRED = MURDER
- ...COMMIT ADULTERY → LUST = ADULTERY
- GIVE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE → DIVORCE = ADULTERY
- ...SWEAR FALSLY → DON'T SWEAR
- AN EYE FOR AN EYE → GO THE EXTRA MILE
- LOVE NEIGHBOR, HATE ENEMY → LOVE YOUR ENEMIES PRAY FOR YOUR PERSECUTERS

(NATURE FULFILL COMPLETE)

BE **TELEIOS**, THEREFORE, AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS **TELEIOS**.

BEWARE OF PRACTICING YOUR PIETY IN PUBLIC.

- GIVE ALMS IN SECRET 6:1-34
- PRAY TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER IN SECRET
- FAST IN SECRET

STORE UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN YOU CAN ONLY SERVE **ONE**

DON'T WORRY ABOUT FOOD OR CLOTHING

MASTER MONEY OR GOD
GOD'S GOT THIS!

DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW

DON'T JUDGE, LEST YOU BE JUDGED. 7:1-12

DON'T THROW PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK GOD IS THERE

IN EVERYTHING, DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU!



7:28-29

WHEN JESUS HAD FINISHED SAYING THESE THINGS, THE CROWDS WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS TEACHING, FOR HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY, AND **NOT** AS THEIR SCRIBES.

WOW!!

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FROM traditional ways of being right
TO diagnosing vicious cycles
TO taking the healing initiative



Who will love first and
ask questions later?



Why don't we love them all
and let God sort it out?



Live with integrity:
words matching actions,
heart matching gaze,
speaking truth
when convenient
and when not.

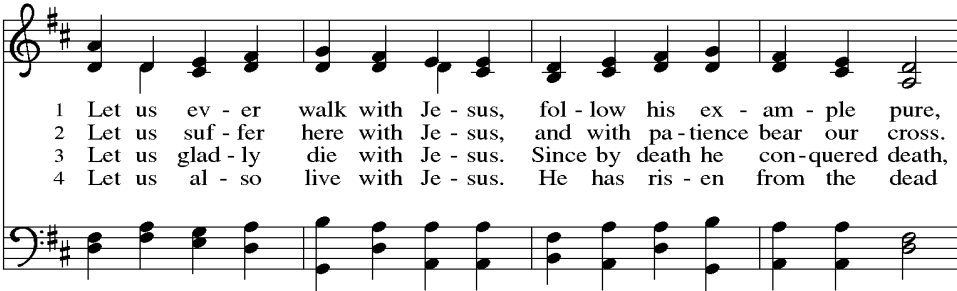
MATTHEW 5:21-37

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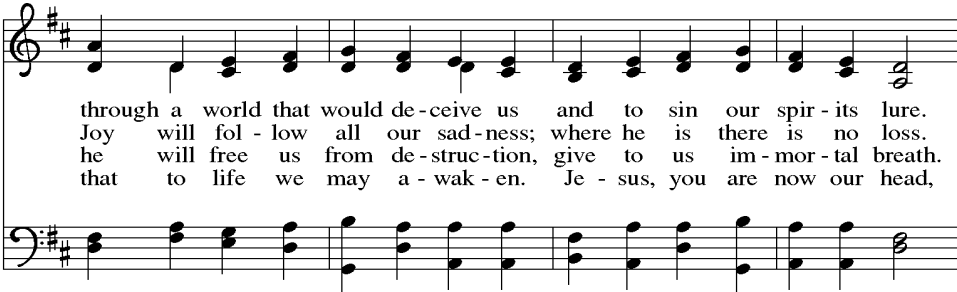
HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus


ELW 802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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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, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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

A: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of faith with children and new believers to missionaries and bishops, shape lives of faithfulness, so that all find abundant life in your ways. Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Nourish your creation. Accompany all who plant and water. Bless the work of farmers; provide for subsistence farmers facing drought and climate change. Guide the work of agricultural scientists toward sustainable ways to feed the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Give growth where there seems to be no hope for life. In nations and regions where reconciliation seems impossible, empower peacemakers with your Spirit. Where death holds sway through violence, disease, and hunger, equip relief workers to bring hope. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Nurture all in need. Bring healing to all who experience trauma caused by systems of injustice and destructive relationships. Give courage to those struggling to repent and those seeking reconciliation. Sustain all who work for restoration. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Encourage this congregation. Call us to a common purpose and keep us from quarrelling. Turn our hearts toward you and guide our leaders, so that our choices may be lifegiving for all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Thanks be to you for the lives of all who have died in Christ. Teach us to follow them in your ways and gather us with them into the promise of eternal life with you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God, we thank you for the ministry of the Boy Scouts as they empower young people to be courageous disciples and responsible citizens who let their light shine. We celebrate the ministry of Off the Streets and their leadership in grounding our public life in love for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, fearlessly working to see that they find a place they can call home. Inspire the people of Zion by the witness of the Boy Scouts and Off the Streets!

Additional prayers may be lifted up by the congregation and/or pastor.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
C: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

PRAYER

- A: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. We magnify and adore You, through Jesus our Savior,
- C: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

Let us pray together the words that Jesus taught us:

- 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 and taste the joy of God!
- C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARTAKING IN THE BREAD AND CUP OF SALVATION

All baptized Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. You may commune in your pew with one of the individually packaged kits or you may commune by coming forward to receive the elements in continuous fashion. Those who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament may come forward and receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let one of the ushers know and the pastor will come to you.

FOR THOSE COMMUNING WITH THE KITS

Open the wafer packet.

P: The body of Christ given for you.

C: **Amen.**

Open the cup.

P: The blood of Christ shed for you.

C: **Amen.**

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

FOR THOSE COMMUNING BY COMING FORWARD

For those not able to have red wine, there is grape juice in the outer circle of every tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. When given the bread and cup, the communion ministers will say: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.", to which you may respond: "Amen."

AFTER COMMUNING

Please use this time for quiet reflection until all worshippers have communed and have returned to their seat.

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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: **Amen.**

† THE SENDING †

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod †
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Risky Business

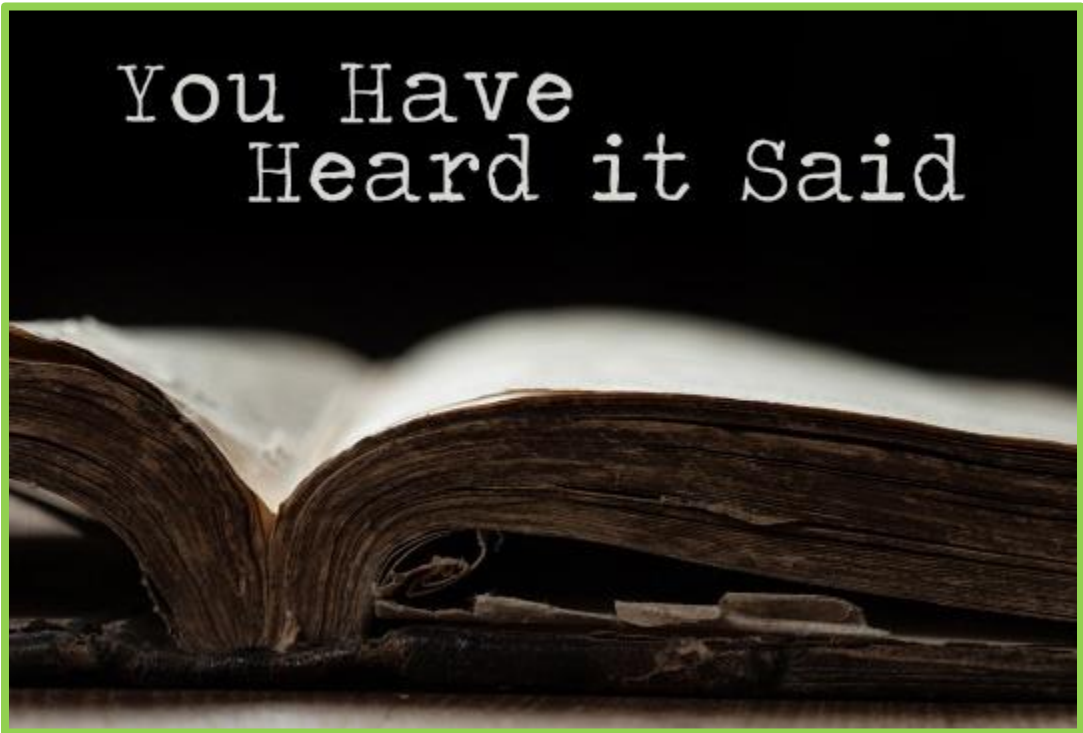
Time after time we are called through the scriptures to leave behind familiar and predictable ways of life, risking a journey into the unknown and unknowable. Risks often have a very big and exciting “upside” which is matched by an equally steep and daunting “downside”. Many good and faithful people have a healthy fear of risk, but taking a risk with God is a very different venture. If God’s call to follow is risky, and we succeed, we can experience God’s presence and promise in profound new ways. However, if we follow God’s call to risk and it seems to fail, then we are still following in the footsteps of the one who formed us, loves us, and calls us by name.

In Deuteronomy, Moses had taken a risk and led Israel out of slavery and toward the Promised Land. He encourages the people to continue to risk by choosing life in God as opposed to the lures of life without him. Paul risked his life time and time again in order share the gospel, and he is encouraging the people of Corinth to risk walking a different route in Christ. In today’s gospel we hear Jesus offer tough teachings which may seem risky to preachers everywhere! These readings all seem to be filled with tough, risky teachings, but dig a little deeper and we can experience the grace-filled message of hope and new life rooted in God’s love. We can clearly hear a call to risk, but also the promise of God’s steadfast presence to be with all who faithfully follow, no matter the outcome. So take a deep breath, dare to risk, crack open the “tough exterior” and experience the love and grace of these texts.



Connections with Creation

This Sunday's reading from Deuteronomy describes what is at stake in following the commandments: whether life on the land is experienced as blessing or curse. And yet, four times in the gospel reading Jesus articulates an evolving understanding of the law: "You have heard it said . . . but I say to you . . ." Hearing Deuteronomy and Matthew in dialogue may remind us that the "law" for living on the land is sometimes something close to timeless, and sometimes changes with new information and evolving understandings. Liturgical theologian Gordon Lathrop has sometimes defined *culture* as a conversation between generations about how best to live on the land. Today younger generations around the globe are challenging older generations, especially on issues of climate justice. After a century of fossil-fueled carbon emissions, younger generations are speaking truth to power, for the sake of God's good earth: "You have heard it said . . . but we say to you"



THIS WEEK AT ZION

Sunday, February 12 – *Scout Sunday; Temple Talk by Off the Streets*

* *The altar flowers are sponsored by Jo Stone in honor of Derek and Kellie's 2nd anniversary!*

* *The yellow rose bud is in celebration of Mary Ann Cupach's 91st birthday on Tuesday, February 14!*

* *The bulletins are sponsored by Diane Gerlach in loving memory of Joanne Grim.*

* *The communion elements are sponsored by Bob Wildasin in honor of the Zion staff.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream/Recorded Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.

Box Office Bible Study Class (“The Chosen”) – Parlor

Wired Word Class – Zone & Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

Monday, February 13

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14

Bible Study – 9-10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Scouts – 6 p.m. (Classrooms)

Finance – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

Food Pantry – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday, February 16

Community Meal – 5:30 p.m. (W&M Team)

Choir – 6 p.m.

Friday, February 17

Saturday, February 18

Sunday, February 19 – *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOD-SIGHTINGS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

CELEBRATING SCOUT SUNDAY TODAY!

Welcome to all the scouts from Cub Scout Pack 37 who are in worship with us this morning! The relationship between this pack group and Zion is long-standing and continues to be strong! It is wonderful to have you here today!



WELCOMING OFF THE STREETS



Throughout February, the Joyful Noise offering will go to Off the Streets, an organization that helps



families and individuals get off the streets and into permanent housing. Today we welcome representatives from this organization to share more about this ministry and the work they do for homeless in the community.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

There has been interest in starting an evening bible study for folks who work and are unable to attend the one Tuesday morning. If you would like to hear more about this possibility, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. A day and time will be decided based on when it is convenient for those who would come!

SERMON ON THE MOUNT DEVOTIONALS

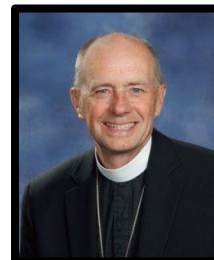
The booklets of daily prayer readings for throughout the week based on the *Sermon on the Mount* are available on the ushers' table in the Narthex and on the window sill in the back hallway. Pastor Tim is encouraging all to pick up a copy and use it as a devotion at the beginning and end of each day.



BISHOP DUNLOP COMING TO ZION

We will welcome Bishop Dunlop to worship on Sunday, February 26. He will be preaching and helping to lead the service that morning. Plan to stay afterward to enjoy "Brunch with the Bishop!"

[Note: There will be no Sunday School that day.]



ANNUAL REPORTS

The 2022 Annual Report is available on the ushers' table. Please take a copy and read about all that was done last year and what to look forward to this year!



There will be two services on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22): a mid-afternoon one at 3 p.m. and an evening one at 7 p.m. The afternoon service will be a simpler service and the evening service will be traditional. For those people who are unable to attend in person, the 7 p.m. service will be live-streamed.

LENTEN STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

During Lent (beginning on Thursday, February 23), Zion will be partnering with Holy Spirit and Redeemer Lutheran Churches for a six-week series focusing on “A Fresh Look at the Cross.” The topics include: CSI: Jerusalem (medical aspects of the cross); Capital Punishment in the Roman Empire; the many ways the Church has understood how salvation works; the cross for people whose “backs are against the wall”; interpreting the cross without dehumanizing Jewish people; and what the four Gospels teach us about Holy Week. Sessions will meet on Thursdays through Lent at 11 a.m. at Holy Spirit and will be recorded for anyone interested but unable to attend in person. After each session, you're invited to continue the fellowship with lunch at Centerville Diner!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Although numbered envelopes still haven't arrived, there are stacks of generic ones on the tables at the front and back of the Sanctuary by the offering plates. You are welcome to take one of these envelopes for your offering if you'd like.

TALENT/HOBBY SHOWCASE – Coming in March!



Do you have a hidden talent or hobby no one knows about? As a way to continue getting to know each other better, we are looking for members who would be willing to share and display their talent/hobby after church on Sunday, March 26 in the Zone. You could share your poetry, music, drawing, painting, carving, calligraphy, sewing, knitting, crocheting, stained glass, baking, or something else altogether! There will be time to fellowship, have snacks, and check out the displays. Please contact Diane Ramer if you are interested in sharing.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Following worship at 10:30 a.m.



WIRED WORD: In the Zone and on Zoom
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>)

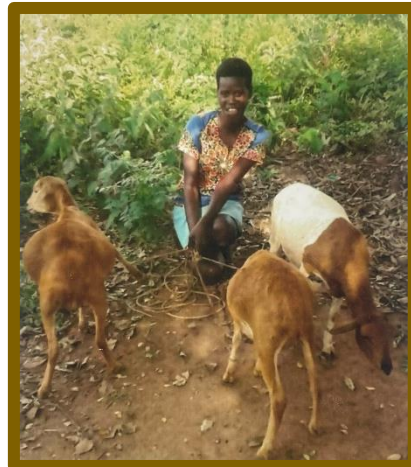


BOX OFFICE BIBLE STUDY (“The Chosen”): In the Parlor

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BRENDA ALIMO

(written in early November 2022)

Today I am so much excited to send my lovely greetings to you. I hope all is well with you. Our health is generally good. Thank you so much for the birthday gift of \$25, the Easter gift of \$25, and the Christmas gift of \$25 last year. With those gifts, I bought 3 sheep to rear at home for my future education. I am glad to inform you that I am sitting for my examination this month. Please continue to pray for me that I perform well. I have reached where I am because of your great love and the support you have always given me. You have put a huge smile on my face.



THANK YOU...

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE, JOSH, CAROLINE, & GRAYSON HOUSEAL

Thank you so much for sending the thoughtful gifts for Grayson! We are beyond grateful for your love and kindness extended to our family by the ZELC family. Grayson will love the gifts ya’ll sent to Atlanta!



PSU BASKETBALL GAME WITH MEN OF ZION



Have you signed up to go to the PSU basketball game against Rutgers on Sunday, February 26? Tickets are still available! First come, first served! Seats are in section 110, rows F, G, & H. There will be a van departing from Zion (time TBD), but you are welcome to drive yourself and meet up with the group at the stadium if you prefer. Cost is \$15/ticket. This outing is sponsored by the MOZ, but anyone is welcome to sign up! Contact Dave D. with questions (davedumeyer@gmail.com).

MANY THANKS to Pastor Tim for conducting the Funeral Service for Richard Heim and to all our friends at Zion who attended his service. Your support, prayers, cards and words of encouragement have been so very helpful during this difficult time. Richard and Marilyn really loved their Church Family at Zion.

Peace & Love,

Jeff & Kim Gruber Family

Ken & Dianna Heim Family



Did you take the quiz last week about fellow Zion members?!? See how well you did by checking your answers with those provided below. The next 5 questions are included after the answers to last week's questions! Isn't it fun to learn new things about the people around us?!?

ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTIONS

11. Who once had her own house cleaning business before becoming secretary to the superintendent at Hempfield School District? **DIANE GERLACH**
12. Who grew up in the Cabbage Hill section of Lancaster City before being a 6-year member of the National Guard? **DAVE WISE**
13. Who was born in Johnstown and grew up with a pet crow that she taught to talk? **JUDY TRAUPE**
14. Who went to Bucknell University and used her degree to work at Bon Ton as HR Compensation Manager for 38 years? **SUE WISE**
15. Who loves to watch ice hockey and favors the Winnipeg Jets? [PS: She also knows a lot about chemistry!] **AMY THOMPSON**

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

16. Who enjoys traveling—especially cruising, and has helped out at “East Petersburg Days”?
17. Who graduated from John Harris High School and Lebanon Valley College, all the while accumulating 20 nicknames?
18. Who was a volunteer gardener at the Amos Herr House and our Zion parish administrator for over 25 years?
19. Who went to Gettysburg College and then taught math before becoming a financial planner? She still uses her talents to volunteer at VITA.
20. Who is our resident Texan who started his career with an interesting story that you will need to ask him personally?



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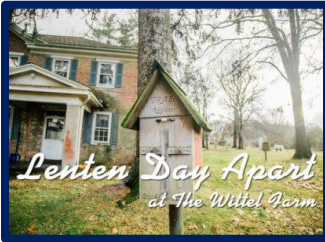
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WINTER FUN DAY AT KIRCHENWALD

Next Sunday: Feb. 19; 1-6 p.m.

Bring your family or friends to enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice skating on the lake, or simply drinking hot chocolate in the lodge!



LENTEN DAY APART AT THE WITTEL FARM

March 4; 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m.

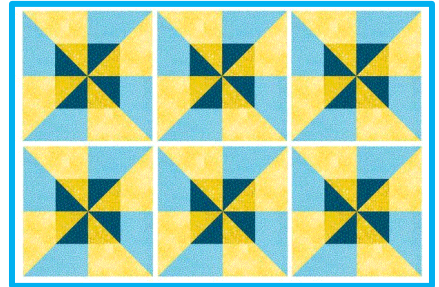
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Begin your Lenten journey to Easter by joining us for a day apart.

QUILTING WEEKEND AT KIRCHENWALD

March 17-19; \$180

Bring your own projects or learn techniques from experienced quilters. Enjoy a weekend apart.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

There are camps for all ages and interests at both Kirchenwald and at Nawakwa. If camp isn't for you, maybe your grandchild, nephew, niece, cousin, neighbor would be interested! Help spread the word about the opportunities throughout the summer!

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSES AT KIRCHENWALD & NAWAKWA


March 19 and April 16; 2-4:30 p.m.

Come meet some of the summer camp staff, take a tour of the camp, and get a \$10 gift certificate to the camp store!

***More information about these and other events at:
<https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>***

THE PARISH RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., in-person and on Zoom; \$50



BECOMING YOUR BEST SELF: INTRO TO THE ENNEAGRAM

Ellen Kanagy, LCSW


Rhonda Myers, LPC

The image shows a diagram of the Enneagram, a nine-pointed star with numbers 1 through 9 at the vertices and intersections. Below the diagram are two headshots of the speakers: Ellen Kanagy, LCSW and Rhonda Myers, LPC.

The Enneagram is an ancient system that can help us understand human behavior. Used by spiritual guides for over 2000 years, this system describes nine personality styles with many variations. Although it is first and foremost a journey of self-discovery, this model of the Enneagram can also increase understanding and harmony in our relationships, offering a path for personal and spiritual growth.

February 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. via Zoom; \$11

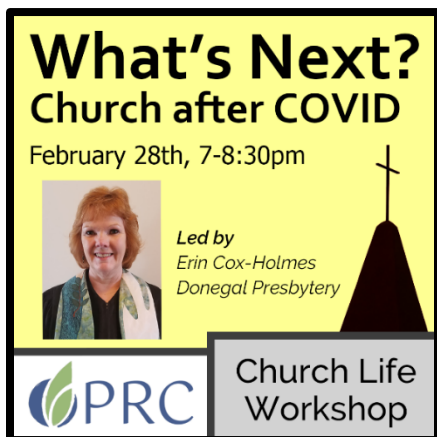
We are constantly working through difficult situations and the resulting emotions in our families, volunteer work, and workplaces. Learn from our panel of experts about how they build and maintain their personal and professional resilience, to help you find your own resilience and hope.



RESILIENCY FOR VOLUNTEERS

ANDREA GRILL ROB FENNIMORE LESLEY HUFF

The image features a desert landscape with a cactus and mountains. Below the graphic are three headshots of the panelists: Andrea Grill, Rob Fennimore, and Lesley Huff.



**What's Next?
Church after COVID**

February 28th, 7-8:30pm

Led by
Erin Cox-Holmes
Donegal Presbytery

PRC Church Life Workshop

The image shows a yellow background with a black silhouette of a church steeple. Below the steeple is a headshot of Erin Cox-Holmes. The PRC logo is at the bottom left, and the text 'Church Life Workshop' is in a grey box at the bottom right.



Food Program Best Practices

March 7th, 7-8:30pm

Community Action Partnership

2023 Cherry Academy

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA FOOD BANK

Food Insecurity

PRC

The image features a wooden background with a diamond-shaped graphic containing a fork and knife. Logos for Community Action Partnership, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, and PRC are included.



For more information about these and other events, visit:
<https://connectprc.org/programming/>



PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Cathy Benedict
Tom Grzybowski
Lisa Nelson
Jess Barcaro
Harry Musselman
Sam King
Connie Alsedek
Joe Adams
Mary Zimmerman
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Bill Grove
Judie Ingersoll
Joan Mays
Holly Hoover
Barb Williams
Kay Crawford
Jesse Landis
Jeff Bradley (Friend of Al Ramer)
Harmony & Family (Friends of Kim & Jim Paternoster)
Shirley Shiner (Stepmother of Jenn Pipkin)
Sharon Carroll (Mother of Wilson Pipkin)
Jeff Long (Nephew of Rick & Deb Long)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Brook Ross (Friend of Barb Williams)
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)
Ernie Johnson (Friend of Barb Williams)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Thelma Pearson
Lucy Davis
Betty Stoner
Deb McCartney
George Potts
Arlene Miller
The family and friends of Richard Heim

The family and friends of Baby Koda who passed away recently at the age of only 5 months.
Ruth Burkett (Mother of Deb Long)
Peggy & Rick Dolly (Relatives of Barb Williams)
Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)
Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)
Dorothy Mattern (Mother of Denise Haun)
Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)
Jennifer Kready (Daughter of Dave & Donna Dumeyer)

FOR PROTECTION FOR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

Evan Benedict
Christopher Wright
Chris Andrew
Thom Whitesel
Ryan Stitzel
Doug Kautter
Justin Gorlaski
Tyler Duke (Great Grandson of Jan Reeves)
Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)
David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

13th – Olivia Ramer
14th – Mary Cupach
15th – Ed Blough
16th – Bill Grove
19th – Michael Adams

Help Mary Cupach celebrate her 91st birthday on Tuesday by sending her a card! [And, don't worry about whether it will arrive on time for her birthday – it will brighten her day no matter when she gets it!]

*Mary Ann Cupach
c/o Kadina Physical Rehab
125 S. Broad St.
Lititz, PA 17543*



MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers	Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Rev. Timothy Seitz-Brown
Music Director	John Landis
Guest Organist	Douglas Bomberger
Parish Administrator	Anne Rankin
Worship Technology Assistant	David Albin
Lay Ministry Assistant	Diane Gerlach
Council President	Kim Paternoster
Council Vice President	Denise Haun
Sextons	Brian Bourassa (a.m.)
	Tom Miller (p.m.)

WORSHIP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CONTACT INFORMATION

Worship	Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Livestream & Recorded Link	http://bit.ly/Zion_Live
Bible Study Focus Class (Parlor)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Wired Word Class (Zone)	Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266
Bible Study	Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
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