

PENTECOST SUNDAY

A Service of Word & Sacrament

May 23, 2021



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 with in-person or online this morning! 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). Should you have any questions concerning our service, please do not hesitate to talk with Pastor Sell.

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

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ During the songs and music, you are invited to hum along. Please refrain from singing.
- ❖ A no-touch temperature screening is required by all who enter the church prior to worship.
- ❖ Only one individual may be in restrooms at a time. Please follow the signs on the restroom doors.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Ushers are located near the front and back of the worship area to direct people to seating and to the offering plates.

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P: Pastor A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation

INTRODUCTION

Lutheran worship has always been Bible centered. For the next several weeks, you will see Bible verses referencing the locations of phrases we use in the liturgy. For example, the traditional confession may be found in I John 1:8-9, John 20:22-23, Ephesians 2:4-5, and Ephesians 3:16-17. A more detailed list of Biblical references may be found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW – red book hymnal page 1154f). You will see some of these biblical references noted throughout the service.

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

CHIMES & CONTEMPLATIVE MUSIC

The playing of the chimes & soft music marks the beginning of a prayerful quiet time prior to the start of the service. This is a time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

† THE GATHERING †

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Love to Tell the Story

Arr. by Robert Hobby

Please stand if you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (*Matthew 28:19*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

On Pentecost They Gathered

Tune: Munich

[*O Jesus I Have Promised*]

You are invited to hum along.

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all ° a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,
a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.





A might-y wind came blow-ing, filled all the swirl-ing air,
 What u-ni-ver-sal mes-sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir-it knows no lim-it, be-stow-ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis-ten and tongues a-flame with praise,
 and tongues of fire a-glow-ing in-spired each per-son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris-en to van-quist all our fear.
 The church, formed and re-form-ing, re-sponds in ev-ery hour.
 so folk of ev-ery na-tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

GREETING (*II Corinthians 13:14*)

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. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

† THE WORD †

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

A: ¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:22-27

A: ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Sell

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
You are invited to hum along.

Verse 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th chapters.

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

Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Sell

SPECIAL MUSIC

Here I Am, Lord

by R. B. Farlee

Please stand if you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

P: We now proclaim our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

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 (*1 Timothy 2:1-2*)

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, fill the congregation of Zion with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Holy God, we dedicate this new banner to your praise and glory. May it be a sign of your Pentecost blessing of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for those with vision and talent who created it. Thanks be to God. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: *Additional petitions may be inserted.*

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

† THE MEAL †

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

SETTING OF THE TABLE

OFFERING SONG

There is a Redeemer

You are invited to hum along.

1. There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

Refrain

Thank you, O my Father,
For giving us your Son and
Sending your Spirit till the
Work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

3. When I stand in glory,
I will see his face;
There I'll serve my king forever,
In that holy place. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

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, (*Revelation 4:8*)
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. (*Isaiah 6:3*)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. (*Luke 19:38*)
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. (*John 12:13*)**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

(Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-25; I Corinthians 11:23-26)

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.*

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ in the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Luke 11:1-4)*

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: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

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.

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. Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

† THE SENDING †

MUSICAL BENEDICTION *Nun Bitten wir den Heiligen Geist* D. Buxtehude

Please stand if you are able.

BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Spirit Song

You are invited to hum along.

1. Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart
And satisfy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you,
And his Spirit like a dove,
Will descend upon your life
And make you whole.

Refrain

Jesus, Oh Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, Oh Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.

2. Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy;
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL (*Matthew 28:19; John 20:21*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare in G

John Dixon

Please remain seated through the postlude. In order to maintain physical distancing safety protocol, the ushers will dismiss you at the conclusion of the service.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S GROANING

Few sounds capture a groan like birth pangs. It is the raw sound of life and birth as well as of pain. It is the guttural desire for the end of the waiting for what has been anticipated and desired. For any who have been present through such an event, it is difficult to ever forget. It is in equal parts beautiful, stunning, and holy, as well as raw, painful, and horrific. “Creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves . . . groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,” writes Paul to the church in Rome. He describes aptly that painful wail of our souls for the redemption we know so well, the restoration of all things promised in Christ.

As Lutherans we know this all too well as the “now but not yet” proposition of our faith. We have been told of the return of the Messiah. We prepare for this coming and see how the whole of creation groans for her own restoration. We join this creation waiting for our own hearts, souls, and bodies to be restored. We know this is coming and as in pains of labor groan for this reality. While we wait, we are given a midwife, a Spirit of God to join us in our waiting for the birth of a new world and a new reality. This gift is given this day, the day of Pentecost. May the Spirit join us in our cry to God, eagerly awaiting the begotten, the Son of God, Jesus.

CONNECTIONS WITH CREATION

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit flowed unconstrained, empowering the people. The Comforter protects and sustains us by interceding for us when we do not even know our own needs. The Spirit at work in God’s gift of water powerfully sustains all creation. It is essential for life, and it holds a sacred place in our relationship with God. Water connected to the Word—God’s saving promise in Jesus Christ—is at the center of the baptismal celebration; water is a sign of cleansing, dying, and new birth.



THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

In the account of the Tower of Babel you see the shift from one language for all people to many languages. On the Day of Pentecost, the Tower of Babel is reversed. Now from many languages comes one. In this there is unity in Christ and a new common language spoken to all people through the Holy Spirit.

IMAGES IN THE READINGS

*Anthropologists describe **fire** as one of the markers of the human species. For tens of thousands of years, humans gathered around fire for light, warmth, protection, community, and better food. Many passages in the Bible liken God to fire. The Holy Spirit of God appeared on Sinai in flames of fire,*



which on Pentecost appeared on the forehead of each believer. Moses experienced God in fire; through fire the Israelites presented offerings to God; God led the people through the wilderness with a pillar of fire. Seraphim are fire-spirits, extensions of the divine. Yet fire is also a sign of divine judgment: the angel in Eden hides the tree of life from humanity with a sword of fire, and John the Baptist predicts that fire will consume the chaff. Fire both occasions human life and has the power to destroy. Think fire, think God.

*The Hebrew noun *ruah* can be translated into English as “**spirit**,” “*breath*,” or “*wind*.” Spirit is the most amorphous of these words. In Christian theology, the Spirit we experience is the Spirit of the risen Christ, a spirit of service, a spirit of love, a spirit of resurrection beyond death.*

*According to the New Testament, the resurrection of Christ has inaugurated the very end of this world. In Acts 2, Luke uses characteristic eschatological imagery to describe the **last days** and the Day of the Lord. Throughout much of Christian history, those believers who are suffering the most from the current situation and who see no way out are those for whom the anticipation of the Day of the Lord is most comforting. The immensely popular *Left Behind* novels are based on a fundamentalist view of the rapture and the last days, but there is no way to know how fully this theology is accepted by the series’ millions of readers.*

PENTECOST GERANIUM SPONSORS

Ed & Cindy Blough

In memory of Henry & June Duke and Charlie Blough

Dave & Donna Dumeyer

In celebration of the wedding of our grandson and his bride, Logan and Jensen

Kready, on May 8

In thankfulness for the gift of the Holy Spirit

James Grube

In memory of Weidler Grube

Denise & Steve Haun

In celebration of our 2 grandchildren and one on the way

In honor of Bill and Dorothy Mattern, Denise's parents

Scott & Mary Hetrick

In memory of loved ones

John & Patsy Hinkle

In memory of our mothers, Margaret Hinkle and Olga King

Sam & Adele King

In memory of our parents

Rodger & Nancy Myers

In honor of our family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Myers and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bender

Lisa Nelson

In honor of my children and grandchildren

The Paternoster Family

In celebration of family

Al & Diane Ramer

In honor of our granddaughter, Olivia

Jan Reeves

In memory of Arlie

Dave & Dottie Wauls

In celebration of the blessings of our family and friends

In honor of our parents

Bob & Barb Wildasin

In memory of departed loved ones

Dave & Sue Wise

In celebration of Grant Matthew Barcaro, grandson

In honor of John & Loma Slike, Sue's parents

In memory of John & Martha Wise, Dave's parents



THIS WEEK AT ZION & WITHIN THE WIDER CHURCH

Sunday, May 23 -- *Pentecost Sunday*

* *The altar flowers are sponsored by Jo Stone in loving memory of her father ("Pappy") who would be 96 today.*

* *The communion kits are sponsored by Jo Stone in loving memory of her brother, Jonathan Charles Zimmerman.*

In-Person Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Livestream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Link: http://bit.ly/Zion_Live

Adult Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. (Parlor, following worship)

Wired Word Sunday School Class – 10:30 a.m. (Zoom)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>

Monday, May 24

Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25

Bible Study – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

Wednesday, May 26

Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 27

Community Meal Drive-Thru – 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness Program – 7:00-8:15 p.m. (Zoom)

Registration Info. Provided in Announcements

Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

Charlotte Potts Memorial Service – 11:00 a.m.

Model Club – 5:00 p.m. (Social Room)

Sunday, May 30 – *Trinity Sunday*

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Livestream Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



PICNIC IN THE PARK

Come on out to Rapho Township Park Pavilion this Wednesday, May 26 at 11:30 a.m. for a picnic lunch with your church friends! There is a playground so kids will be sure to have fun and a path for an after lunch stroll! Dogs (on leashes) are welcome to come along also! This is an informal gathering, so come for as long as you are able!



JUNE 6 AT 9:00 A.M.

Worship will be outdoors on Sunday, June 6 in the Cooper House yard! Since the service is outdoors, there will be singing! John would like to know your favorite worship songs; please email them to adminzelc@comcast.net. Feel free to dress casually...and be sure to bring your own chair (or blanket if you prefer to sit on the grass).



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Graduates will be honored on Sunday, June 20. Please let the office know of any members who have graduated high school, college, or graduate school since last June. Please also share anything unique or interesting like an internship experience or special awards, as well as plans for "what's next."



COVID-19 PROTOCOL UPDATES

FROM THE TRANSITION TEAM: BEGINNING JUNE 13

Beginning Sunday, June 13, some of the COVID-safety protocols currently in place will be modified. Temperature checks prior to entering the Sanctuary will no longer be taken, more than one person will be permitted in the restroom at a given time, pews will not be cordoned off, and physical distancing will not be enforced. In addition, there will be the option of receiving communion in continuous fashion or with the communion kits at your pew.

COMMUNITY MEAL

This week the Drive-Thru Community Meal was prepared and distributed by the Church Council. It was another very successful evening of connecting with our neighbors and providing them with a free, fresh, healthy meal. Every week the cars are backed up down the alley, down the driveway, and around onto Brandt Blvd. and Cooper Ave. The turnout is incredible. Those who come out for the meal are so grateful – they express their thanks regularly – to the various individuals and groups who give their time and resources to provide this ministry to the community.



FINANCIAL UPDATE: APRIL & YEAR-TO-DATE

- April Expenses: \$20,479 April Income from Offering: \$17,689
- YTD: Expenses: \$79,358 YTD Income from Offering: \$92,694
- Approved YTD Budget: \$114,735

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS INVITATION

Pat Brady, who is a part of this peace organization, extends his personal invitation to Zion and friends of Zion to take part in this engaging conversation.

WHEN?

- Thurs., May 27; 7:00-8:15 p.m.

WHERE?

- ZOOM – Join from anywhere!

WHO?

- CeaseFirePennsylvania and guests

YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucu-urDkoGtPzZ1t7IHveIojzX2eBkuFM>

**Lancaster Interchurch Peace
Witness invites you to:**

**A Conversation on
Gun Violence and
Gun Safety**



ZION NIGHT AT THE BARNSTORMERS

The Parish Fellowship Team and the Men of Zion are sponsoring a Night at the Barnstormers on Wednesday, August 18; game time begins at 6:30. Stay tuned for more information and a sign-up sheet.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE



The Pantry continues to serve many individuals and families in our community. Last month alone, food was provided for 151 children, 260 adults, and 103 seniors...that's over 500 mouths fed in a single month! In addition, there were five new families registered to start receiving food. *We are reminded regularly of how important this feeding partnership is for those in need; the Pantry is so grateful to Zion for the space, to the volunteers for their time, and to all those who donate – both with food and financially.*

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP THANK YOU

Kudos to Mary Hetrick, Todd & Cathy Benedict, Jim Paternoster, Jesse Landis, and Randy Miller for going out this past week and cleaning up Zion's Adopt-A-Highway stretch of road on Harrisburg Pike. If you weren't able to help this time, consider doing it the next time...TBA!



JOYFUL NOISE THANK YOU

*(an excerpt & adaptation)**

Dear Friends at Zion,

Our kitchen comes alive every weekday morning to prepare a hot breakfast for our hungry neighbors. Your recent donation of \$80.00 makes an impact on each person who comes to our door. Anchor Lancaster extends heartfelt to you as you partner with us in being an Anchor in Lancaster City.

In Service,

Patty Eastep

Executive Director

**To read the letter in entirety, it is posted on the bulletin board by the front door in the narthex.*

MAY JOYFUL NOISE COLLECTION



The collection throughout May will go to Victory House, which provides transitional living for homeless veterans. For more information about Veteran's Victory House, visit:

<https://www.tlclancaster.org/blank-tmn5n>

HELP SEND BRENDA TO 7TH GRADE INITIATIVE

As you may know, our ChildFund-sponsored daughter, Brenda, is currently wrapping up her 6th grade year in school. She is very much looking forward to being able to start her next grade level and to continue her studies; she has expressed to us in her letters that she wants to be a nurse some day! With this as a priority for her, the Parlor Sunday School Class offering collection has been going to her education specifically for the last couple of years. These special gift contributions help make it possible for her to keep progressing in school, something she values and appreciates so much.



HERE'S WHERE YOU COME IN: While the church supports her annual sponsorship amount (\$300), it obviously costs more than that to afford her extra supplies and things associated with attending school. With these things in mind, *the Parlor Class is inviting you to join them in helping to support Brenda with the additional educational costs.* She will need \$534 by August to begin the fall term. If you would like to contribute toward the "Help Send Brenda To 7th Grade" initiative, please write checks payable to Zion and note in the memo line "Brenda A. Education: ChildFund."

A LETTER FROM BRENDA

Hello Zion Lutheran Church! I am very happy to read the letter you sent to me last month! I also loved getting your Valentine card from earlier in the year! I am really very excited to have the support you provide to me and my family.

I am at school and doing well. I am also happy that, through your encouragement, I have kept strong and am able to still be going to school. Our schools are opening for the rest of the class now; Covid has caused a lot of problems to our community [and we couldn't all be there before].

My special regards to all members of your church and I wish you all a joyful season ahead! God bless all of you.



*For more information about ChildFund and the partnership, visit:
https://www.childfund.org/?MAID=53363&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI-N2SqZbW8AIVFPjICh3-4wVzEAAYASAAEgJgu_D_BwE*

JUNE EVENTS AT MOUNT GREटना TABERNACLE *[all events begin at 7 p.m.]*



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting

- * Fri., 6/4: Ecumenical Service (Rev. Bryan McAllister, Heart A.M.E., Roselle, NJ)
- * Sun., 6/6: Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster
- * Fri., 6/11: Ecumenical Service (Rev. Jeffrey Schell, Trinity ECC, Manheim)
- * Fri., 6/18: Ecumenical Service (Father James Lease, St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church, Harrisburg)
- * Sun., 6/20: Andy Roberts Jazz Quartet
- * Fri., June 25 @ 7 p.m.: Ecumenical Service (Rev. Len Knighton, Chaplain of the Lebanon Valley Home & host of "Country Church Music Time" on WLBR radio)
- * Sun., June 27 @ 7 p.m.: New Holland Band



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Do you know that Zion has various items of medical equipment for home care that you can borrow? Call the office to make arrangements.

- Bedside commode chair (1)
- Raised toilet seat (1)
- Bath shower chair (1)
- Pair of crutches (1)
- Bed to chair transfer (1)
- Walker with seats (1)
- Regular walker with 2 wheels (1)
- Wheelchair (2)

The church also has surplus items that will be donated at the end of the month. If you know anyone who can use them, you may take them from the choir room before June 1.

- Shower/bath chair (1)
- Extra-large bedside commode chair (1)
- Walkers with seats (3)
- Regular walkers with wheels (2)
- Pair of wooden crutches (1)

NEW PENTECOST BANNERS

Steve & Denise Haun have designed, created, and made red Pentecost banners for the church! They are hanging at the front of the Sanctuary (on either side of the cross) in celebration of this special festival day. Thank you, Steve & Denise, for sharing your creativity and handiwork; your willing spirit to create such incredible pieces for the church is valued and appreciated.

Steve & Denise Working on the Banners



WINDOWS OF ZION

“Windows of Zion” is a special series to bring attention to the unique stained-glass windows around the church. The windows shown below are New Testament windows that depict the names that Jesus called Himself. These windows are the first two windows in the front hallway, at the mailboxes.

John 11: 25

“I am the resurrection and the life”.



Here we see the cross on which Christ was crucified and a butterfly which represents His resurrection.

The small crosses represent the dead waiting for the day of the last judgement.

The Greek letters for Alpha and Omega represents a statement from Revelation: “I am the beginning and the end.”

The hands are our hands reaching up to God to receive everlasting life.



John 8:12

“I am the light of the World”

A burning candle is the most popular symbol of Christ as a “light to the world”.

The Holy Bible is another source of light as it gives us “spiritual light” and helps us understand God.

By sharing this light of God, we spread the Gospel over the whole world as pictured in the lower left corner.



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We welcome James Grube as a renewed member of Zion! James and his wife Connie recently moved back to Landisville from Texas. James joined Zion with his family originally in 1960 after they moved to the farm that his brother Jere operates today. James graduated from Penn State in 1971 and then moved away from home. After retirement in 2008, he volunteered with Forth Worth Area Habitat for Humanity. He enjoyed leading the construction of dozens of new home builds over the years. We welcome James warmly back to Lancaster County and most especially to the Zion family again!

UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESSES

- Mary Zimmerman: mzimmer231@comcast.net
- Doug Rhoads: drhoads270@comcast.net



Faith Formation

- **ADULT IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 - The adult Sunday School Class led by Dave Dumeyer meets each Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the parlor.
- **WIRED WORD SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM**
 - The Wired Word Class meets each Sunday via Zoom at 10:30. Class Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2283229266>
- **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL VIDEOS**
 - The children's lesson can be found on the church website (www.zionhempfield.net) under the Faith Formation page under Children & Youth Education or you can get to it directly at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D_ej7dcQoU
- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS**
 - There are bags at the back of the sanctuary for children during worship and then to take home.
- **BIBLE STUDY**
 - The adult Bible Study group meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the parlor. It is lectionary-based, focusing each week on the passages or theme for the upcoming Sunday.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
 - Zion will not have a VBS. If you are interested in in-person Vacation Bible School opportunities for children and/or adults this summer held elsewhere, please contact the church office.

PRAYER LIST
FOR HEALING

Joanne Grim
Rick Long
Thelma Pearson
Marvin Ruch
Kate Donnan
Barbara Williams
Dave Wise
Don Heartter
Joe Adams
Judie Ingersoll
Lucy Davis
Bill Grove
Kay Crawford
Holly Hoover
Jeff Rickert
Janet & Harry Musselman
Samuel Herman (Father of Amy Thompson)
William Hartman (Father of Deb Grube)
Meghan Frey (Friend of the congregation)
Robin Coons (Daughter-in-law of Dianne & Mark Coons)
LaVon Harnish (Friend of Jeanette Bomberger)
Homer Dietz (Brother-in-law of Harry Musselman)
Ron Sahd (Friend of Dave Wise)
Loma Slike (Mother of Sue Wise)
Mike LaFata (Son-in-law of Bill & Julia Grove)
Lesli LaFata (Daughter of Bill & Julia Grove)

FOR COMFORT, PEACE, STRENGTH, & SAFETY

Nancy Smith
Betty Stoner
Arlene Miller
Deb McCartney
Bette Geibel
Richard & Marilyn Heim
George Potts

Jess & Matt Barcaro as they adjust to life with a newborn and to baby Grant, as he is nurtured by his loving family and takes in the world around him!

Ed & Dotty Sites (Parents of Cathy Benedict)

Brenda Alimo (Zion's Sponsored Child)

Arlene Wise (Sister-in-law of Dave Wise)

Vaun Hile (Father of Lynda Sherwood)

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

Jared Shiner (Grandson of Diane Gerlach)

Corey Landis (Nephew of Jesse & Pat Landis)

David Adams (Son-in-law of John & Kathleen Hay, and husband of Liz)

IN CELEBRATION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

27th – Kyle Brady

28th – Richard Heim

29th – John Hinkle, Ava Stream

30th – Jim Gundel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

24th – Jason & Mary Green



