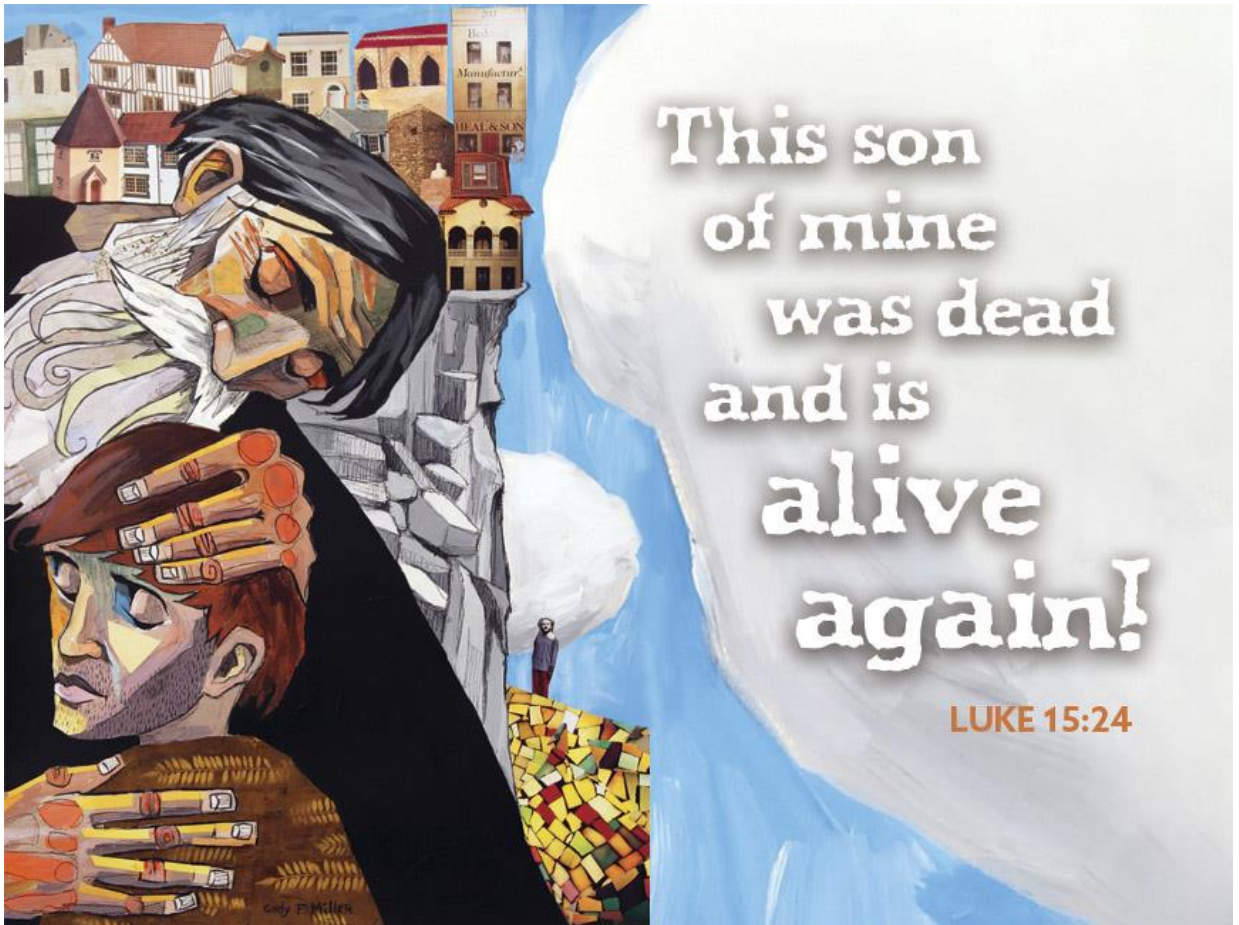


# Welcome!



## *Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*Our Mission: Empowered and Inspired by God to bring others to Christ.*

# *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 30, 2025 ~ 9:00 am

## *The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament*

*The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

*\*Congregation please stand*

### **The Pre-service Music**

~ The Gathering ~

#### **\* The Confession and Forgiveness**

BLESSED BE THE HOLY TRINITY, ✚ ONE GOD, WHO FORGIVES ALL OUR SIN, WHOSE MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.

**Amen.**

LET US RETURN TO GOD, CONFESSING OUR SIN IN THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S ABIDING LOVE.

*Please kneel if able.*

COMPASSIONATE ONE,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

BELOVED IN CHRIST, GOD'S ARMS ARE ALWAYS STRETCHED OPEN WIDE TO WELCOME THE WANDERING ONES HOME. IN ✚ CHRIST YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN. YOU HAVE A PLACE IN GOD'S HOUSE FOREVER.

**Amen.**

#### **\* The Gathering Hymn**

*"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

No. 104

#### **\* The Greeting**

THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR, THE RECONCILING LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.

**And also with you.**

#### **\* The Kyrie Eleison** *(Now the Feast)*

IN PEACE, IN PEACE, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

FOR THE REIGN OF GOD, AND FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, FOR THE UNITY OF ALL, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

FOR YOUR PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU PRAISE, FOR THE STRENGTH TO LIVE YOUR WORD, LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

HELP, SAVE, AND DEFEND US, O GOD.

**Amen.**

## \* The Prayer of the Day

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

*(Sung)* And also with you.

LET US PRAY:

**God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ~The Word~

### The First Lesson Joshua 5:9-12

*By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm 32 Tune "Go to Dark Gethsemane" No.109

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE TRANSGRESSION IS FORGIVEN, WHOSE SIN IS COVERED.

HAPPY ARE THOSE TO WHOM THE LORD IMPUTES NO INIQUITY, AND IN WHOSE SPIRIT THERE IS NO DECEIT.

**Those whose sins are known, confessed, By the Lord are surely blessed.**

WHEN I DID NOT CONFESS MY SINS, I WAS WORN OUT FROM CRYING ALL DAY LONG. FOR DAY AND NIGHT YOUR HAND WAS HEAVY UPON ME; MY STRENGTH WAS DRIED UP AS BY THE HEAT OF SUMMER.

**Those who turn to God in love Find forgiveness from above.**

THEN I ACKNOWLEDGED MY SIN TO YOU, AND I DID NOT HIDE MY INIQUITY. I SAID, "I WILL CONFESS MY TRANSGRESSIONS TO THE LORD," AND YOU FORGIVE THE GUILT OF MY SIN.

**Let the righteous raise their voice, In the Lord, their God, rejoice.**

THEREFORE LET ALL WHO ARE FAITHFUL OFFER PRAYER TO YOU. WHEN A GREAT FLOOD OF TROUBLE COMES RUSHING IN, IT WILL NOT REACH THEM. YOU ARE A HIDING PLACE FOR ME; YOU PRESERVE ME FROM TROUBLE; YOU SURROUND ME WITH SHOUTS OF DELIVERANCE.

**Those whose sins are known, confessed, By the Lord are surely blessed.**

"I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU THE WAY YOU SHOULD GO; I WILL COUNSEL YOU WITH MY EYE UPON YOU. DO NOT BE LIKE A HORSE OR A MULE, WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING, WHOSE TEMPER MUST BE CURBED WITH BIT AND BRIDLE, ELSE IT WILL NOT STAY NEAR YOU."

**Lo, the voice of God is heard, Sounding forth his gracious word.**

MANY ARE THE TORMENTS OF THE WICKED, BUT STEADFAST LOVE SURROUNDS THOSE WHO TRUST THE LORD.

**Let the righteous raise their voice, In the Lord, their God, rejoice.**

### The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

*(After the reading)*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* The Gospel Acclamation** (*Lenten Verse Now the Feast*)

**Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;  
Come, seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

**\* The Holy Gospel St. Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

*Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 15<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER:

*(Spoken)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(After the Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

*(Spoken)* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*Pastor Cindy White*

**\*The Hymn of the Day**

***“In the Garden”***

Additional Hymnal No. 5

**I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses.**

*(Refrain)* **And He walks with me, and He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own.  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.**

**He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing. *(Refrain)***

**I'd stay in the garden with Him Tho' the night around me is falling;  
But He bids me go thru the voice of woe His voice to me is calling. *(Refrain)***

**\* The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker 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 to the dead. 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.**

**\* The Prayers of Intercession**

**LED BY THE SPIRIT, LET US TURN TO GOD IN PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL THOSE IN NEED.**

*A brief silence.*

GOD OF FAITHFUL PROMISE, MAKE YOUR CHURCH A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST. AS YOU RECONCILE US TO YOURSELF, GUIDE US ALSO IN YOUR WAY OF RECONCILIATION, THAT THROUGH CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS, REPENTANCE AND REPARATIONS, YOUR CHURCH MAY BEAR WITNESS TO YOUR LOVE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS, RESTORE BALANCE TO THE EARTH. SEND RAIN TO PLACES OF DROUGHT AND SUNSHINE TO PLACES OF FLOODING, THAT THE PRODUCE OF THE LAND MAY AGAIN SUPPORT LIFE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF PRODIGAL GRACE, UNITE THE NATIONS AS FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN FAMILY. GIVE LEADERS THE COURAGE TO PUT ASIDE PRIDE AND EGO, TO CEASE SQUANDERING LIVES AND TIME, AND TO WORK FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF BOUNDLESS LOVE, RECEIVE WITH OPEN ARMS ANY IN NEED OF COMPASSION ESPECIALLY FORREST, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND.. EMBRACE ALL WHO ARE FAR FROM HOME OR ESTRANGED FROM LOVED ONES, AND ALL WHO LIVE WITH REGRET. EMBOLDEN YOUR PEOPLE TO OFFER AND TO SEEK FORGIVENESS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF RADICAL INCLUSION, WIDEN HUMAN CIRCLES TO WELCOME ALL WHO ARE EXCLUDED. BLESS THE WORK OF DISABILITY MINISTRIES, MINISTRIES BY AND WITH NEURODIVERGENT PEOPLE, AND MULTICULTURAL AND ETHNIC-SPECIFIC MINISTRIES; THAT THE WELCOME OF JESUS BE EXTENDED TO ALL. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF RESURRECTION LIFE, WELCOME HOME ALL WHO HAVE DIED. WE THANK YOU FOR THEIR LIVES AND ENTRUST THEM INTO YOUR KEEPING, WHERE TRUE RECONCILIATION AND ETERNAL PEACE ARE FOUND. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

GOD OF GRACE AND MERCY, (PLEASE SHARE ANY PERSONAL PRAYER PETITIONS) HEAR OUR PETITIONS THAT WE SPEAK OUT LOUD AND THE ONES THAT WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

RECEIVE THE PRAYERS OF YOUR PEOPLE AND DRAW ALL THINGS TOGETHER IN YOUR LOVE, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, WHO LEADS US FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

**Amen.**

### \* **The Peace of Christ**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

**And also with you.**

## ~The Meal~

### **The Offering and Offertory**

*Zion members, please use your envelopes for contributions so that your offering may be officially recorded. Please mail your envelopes to Zion Lutheran Church 101 N. Greenwood Street Tamaqua, PA 18252 or visit [ziontamaqua.com](http://ziontamaqua.com) for our Vanco option.*

\* **The Offertory Procession** “*As the Grains of Wheat*” (*Now the Feast*)  
(*Refrain*) **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the  
ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. (*Refrain*)**

\* **The Offertory Prayer**

LET US PRAY: GRACIOUS PROVIDER, YOU SET YOUR IMMENSE TREASURES AMONG US, OPENING YOUR HEART TO THE WORLD. AS WE PREPARE TO FEAST ON YOUR BOUNTIFUL LOVE, DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO SHARING THOSE TREASURES WITH OTHERS, THROUGH OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

**Amen.**

\* **The Great Thanksgiving**

\* **The Preface and Sanctus**

THE LORD BE WITH YOU  
(*Sung*) **And also with you.**  
LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

IT IS OUR DUTY.....THEIR UNENDING HYMN: (*Now the Feast*)

(*Sung*) **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

\* **The Eucharistic Prayer** (*Now the Feast*)

YOU ARE INDEED HOLY, ... WE PRAY FOR HIS COMING AGAIN EVEN AS WE CRY.

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS.

(*Sung*) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

SEND NOW, WE PRAY, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT ALL OF YOUR PROMISES MAY COME TO US AND YOUR CREATION.

AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN. COME, HOLY SPIRIT.

(*Sung*) **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

THIS WE PRAY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND OUR FRIEND.

(*Sung*) **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* **The Lord's Prayer**

MAKE US BOLD, O MERCIFUL GOD, TO ADDRESS YOU AS OUR ABBA AS WE PRAY:

**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**

**\* The Invitation to the Holy Meal**

ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY, COME! THE FEAST OF GRACE IS SPREAD.

**\* The Agnus Dei “Lamb of God”** *(Now the Feast)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**The Distribution**

*All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament are welcome to commune when we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Zion members, please complete a Communion card once a year for our records.*

**\* The Post-Communion Blessing**

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST STRENGTHEN YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS GRACE.  
**Amen.**

**\* The Post Communion Canticle** *(music on page 72 of LBW)*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

**\* The Post Communion Prayer**

LET US PRAY, GENEROUS HOST, YOU HAVE SHARED YOUR FEAST WITH US AND MADE US NEW. SEND US NOW TO SET TABLES OF LOVE AND GRACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT YOUR LIBERATING LOVE MIGHT NOURISH THE WORLD INTO FREEDOM, IN THE NAME OF THE CRUCIFIED ONE, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

**Amen.**

**The Senior Choir Anthem “My Savior and My God” – Shafferman**

**~The Sending~**

**\* The Blessing**

GOD OUR TENDER PARENT, GOD THE CRUCIFIED ONE, GOD THE RECONCILING SPIRIT,  
✠ BLESS YOU NOW AND FOREVER.

**(Spoken) Amen.**

**\* The Dismissal**

GO IN PEACE. CARE FOR OTHERS AS GOD CARES FOR YOU.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* The Sending Hymn**

**“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”**

No. 305

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**First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 – Not Printed**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 – Not Printed**

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** - <sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

**April 6, 2025 readings are:**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*March 29-30, 2025*

*\*If you need assistance, please see one of the ushers in the back of the church; Large Print Bulletins are available. Grape juice is available in the tray for those who wish not to partake of the wine. Please Silence your cell phones during service. A Family Room is available for use during or after services, located across from the office. A changing station is available for your convenience in the restroom across from the Family Room. We respectfully ask that you refrain from taking photos during the service. Opportunities are always available after the service. Welcome visitors, please sign our guest book. Thank you.*

## **GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

**THE ALTAR CANDLES** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of Sandy Mehalko for blessing Zion with her gift of music by Michael Haspe

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the 36<sup>th</sup> birthday of our dad, Ryan Matalavage by Thad, Axel and Charlotte Matalavage

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and

In honor of the 36<sup>th</sup> birthday of our dad, Ryan Matalavage by Thad, Axel and Charlotte Matalavage

**Altar Flower sponsors are needed for April 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please sign up on the church bulletin board.**

*Please remember the following in your prayers: Forrest, Margaret, Steve Ristila, Christine Zimmerman, Eddie Smith, George Weaver, Jan McRoberts, Ralph Derr, and all our members who are homebound.*

## **Welcome!!**

Parish office phone number and fax is 570-668-2180.

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Parish website is [www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)

Parish Office Hours- Monday & Wednesday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Zion's 2024 Church Council officers:** Michael Haspe, President, Brian Lawfer, Vice-President, Amanda Hascin, Secretary, Dave Gensure, Treasurer, and Ann Marie Hadesty, Financial Secretary. Other members of Council include Arlene Derr, Glenn Fritzingler, Thomas Graham, Carol Hartung, Brittany Scalfani Mary Ruth Taylor, Michelle Valentine; and Shelly Woodring; if you have suggestions or concerns, please seek out a member of Council so that we can promptly address the needs of the congregation.

# This Week in Our Church

## SUNDAY, March 30, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 Christian Education  
11:00 Confirmation Class  
12:30 Lenten Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service/ Zion  
8:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY

9:00 Blessings Thrift Store

## SATURDAY

6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

## SUNDAY, April 6, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament/ Baptism  
10:15 Christian Education  
11:00 Confirmation Class

### **Supporting Zion's Ministries**

*"Empowered and inspired by God to bring others to Christ"*

Received 3/23/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$5,808.37
From Thrift Store	\$133.23
From Endowment (other)	\$22,905.00
Received for Endowment:	\$499.82
Received for Capital Campaign:	\$1,848.31

Received year-to-date for Zion's mission/ministries:

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$30,229.04
From Thrift Store:	\$1,241.73*
From Endowment:	\$22,905.00
From Culinary:	\$1,900.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$56,275.77

\* Thrift Store donates half of income to Outreach total income - \$2,483.46

*Thank you for your gifts. Your gifts allow us to share the word of God and the love of Jesus with our congregation and our community.*

## ***GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD***

***CURRENT FUND DONATIONS*** are given to the *Glory of God* and

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Isabel Houser

In honor of Sue Cunningham's birthday love, Beth Marcavage

***ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS*** are given to the *Glory of God* and

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Judy Brennan

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In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Judy Coleman

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Susan Paul

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In loving memory of my husband, Paul by Irene Pecha

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by George J. Gernavage, Debra A. Dakos, Harry E. Feinauer, Jr. & PGIM Investments

## **Upcoming Events**

**April 4** – Blessings Thrift Sale

**April 11** – Lenten Fish Dinner

**April 13** – Palm Sunday Potluck

**April 24** – Hoagie Sale

Zion's Blessings Thrift Shop is on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm. The sale features gently used clothing for all ages, toys, books, and general household items. Come take a look! Limited Take-Out Menu. Thank you all for your continued support!

***Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsors needed for 2025 - The Altar Flower and Bulletin Sponsor list for 2025 is on the bulletin board. The costs of the flowers are \$42.60, individuals will be billed from the florist. The cost of the bulletin sponsorship is \$16.00, monies are due when you place your name on the list. Please remember to fill out a card with your honorarium or memorial, this information is needed for the bulletin. Please do not sign up without filling out a form. Please contact the church office if you have questions. Thank you in advance for your sponsorship!***

***Palm Sunday Potluck*** - A fellowship potluck will be held on Palm Sunday April 13, 2025, following the morning worship service. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Room. Hope to see you there!

**Zion Lenten Fish Dinner - April 11**, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM or sell-out. Adult \$13.00 – Children up to age 10 \$7.00. Take-Outs Available Menu includes Baked Haddock, Crab Cakes or Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw and Dessert. Combinations and ala carte are not available. Dinners may be pre-ordered on the website ([www.ziontamaqua.com](http://www.ziontamaqua.com)) or by calling 570-668-4451. Deadline to order is **April 8**. Walk-ins welcome. Hope to see you there! Culinary Donations are Needed for the dinners...Cases of 12 oz. Bottles of water, please place them in the kitchen marked culinary. We also need desserts for the April 11<sup>th</sup> dinner. Contact Mary Ruth by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES 2025** – St. John’s and Zion will once again hold combined Mid-Week Lenten Services at 7:00 pm. The service will follow the Holden Evening prayer from the ELW. This week’s service is at Zion.

**Hoagie Sale - The Culinary Team is holding a hoagie sale;** Regular Hoagies are \$8 each. Pick up is on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. Order by April 20<sup>th</sup>, at <https://www.ziontamaqua.com> or by calling 570-668-4451. Thank you for your support!!

### **Zion Holy Week April 13-20, 2025**

- ✠ **Palm Sunday**, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Blessing of the Palms
- ✠ **Wednesday**, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Holden Evening Prayer
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday**, April 17<sup>th</sup>, **6:00 pm, (Please note Time Change)** Foot Washing, Communion, Stripping of the Altar
- ✠ **Good Friday**, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Good Friday Service
- ✠ **Holy Saturday**, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm Easter Vigil, Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion
- ✠ **Easter Sunday**, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am, Celebration of Christ’s Resurrection, Holy Communion



*Come Worship With Us!*