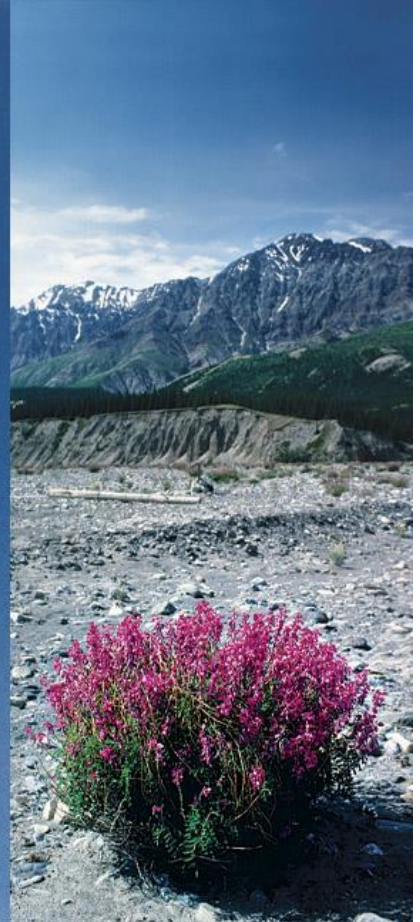


**Welcome!**

*Jesus was  
led by the  
Spirit in the  
wilderness*

LUKE 4:1



## ***Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church***

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

***The First Sunday in Lent***  
March 9, 2025 ~ 9:00 am  
***The Liturgy of Word and Sacrament***

*These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

\*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**                      ***"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"***                      WOV No. 780

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*(Refrain)* **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)***

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *(Refrain)***

**\* 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:

**O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

(*After the reading*)

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm** 91:1-2, 9-16 Tune "*As With Gladness Men of Old*" No.82

THOSE WHO GO TO THE LORD FOR SAFETY, WHO ABIDE IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY, SAY TO THE LORD, "YOU ARE MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS, MY GOD IN WHOM I TRUST."

**Those who look to God in love, Know deliv'rance from above.**

HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS PINIONS, AND YOU WILL FIND REFUGE UNDER HIS WINGS; HIS FAITHFULNESS WILL PROTECT AND DEFEND YOU.

**Where the Lord of hosts draws near, There is nothing one need fear.**

NOT THE TERROR OF THE NIGHT, NOR THE ARROW THAT FLIES BY DAY--NOT THE PLAGUE THAT STALKS IN THE DARKNESS, NOR THE SICKNESS THAT LAYS WASTE AT MIDDAY.

**Mighty Fortress, shelter me! E'er my strong Protector be!**

GOD SAYS, "I WILL SAVE THOSE WHO LOVE ME. I WILL PROTECT THOSE WHO KNOW MY NAME."

**Those who look to God in love, Know deliv'rance from above.**

"WHEN THEY CALL TO ME, I WILL ANSWER THEM. WHEN THEY ARE IN TROUBLE, I WILL BE WITH THEM. I WILL RESCUE THEM AND HONOR THEM."

**Where the Lord of hosts draws near, There is nothing one need fear.**

"WITH LONG LIFE I WILL SATISFY THEM, AND SHOW THEM MY SALVATION."

**Mighty Fortress, shelter me! E'er my strong Protector be!**

## **The Second Lesson Romans 10:8b-13**

*Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.*

*(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 4:1-13**

*After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."*

*(Before the Gospel)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE THE 4<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**      *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*      Additional Hymnal No. 22

**I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thou head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn, and sad.  
I found in Him a resting place, And He hath made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say: "I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till traveling days are done.**

### **\* 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.*

GRACIOUS GOD, SPEAK YOUR WORD ANEW AMONG YOUR CHURCH. STRENGTHEN IT TO WITHSTAND THE TEMPTATION TO TURN INWARD IN FEAR OR COMPLACENCY. EMBOLDEN CHURCH INSTITUTIONS TO TURN FROM SELF-PRESERVATION TOWARD THE SELF-GIVING LOVE OF JESUS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

MOTHERING GOD, SPEAK THE WORD OF LIFE INTO WILDERNESS PLACES AND FERTILE FIELDS. GRANT WISDOM TO YOUR PEOPLE, THAT WE MAY QUELL THE URGE TO STRIP LANDS OF THEIR RESOURCES AND INSTEAD PRESERVE FIRST FRUITS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, SPEAK A WORD OF WISDOM TO PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF POWER: MAYORS, COUNCILS, AND TRIBAL LEADERS, LEGISLATORS, JUDGES AND JURIES, PRESIDENTS, AND MONARCHS. HELP THEM DISCERN YOUR VOICE AND FOLLOW YOUR GUIDANCE, RESISTING THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE EVIL ONE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

STEADFAST GOD, SPEAK WORDS OF COURAGE TO YOUR PEOPLE IN THE WILDERNESS. PROTECT MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES ON PERILOUS JOURNEYS, THAT THEY FIND SAFE REFUGE AND A PORTION IN THE BOUNTY YOU HAVE GIVEN HUMANITY TO SHARE. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

LOVING GOD, SPEAK GENTLY TO ALL WHO ARE ALONE. BLESS LAY MINISTERS, HOME COMMUNION TEAMS, AND OTHERS WHO ATTEND TO THOSE WHO ARE OVERLOOKED, VULNERABLE, OR LONELY, THAT ALL FIND BELONGING IN YOUR LOVE. WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PAUL PECHA, MARGARET, STEVE, CHRISTINE, EDDIE, GEORGE, JAN, RALPH, AND ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND. GOD, IN YOUR MERCY,

**receive our prayer.**

LIVING GOD, WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WHO HAVE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD FROM DEATH TO LIFE. GUIDE US WHO ARE LIVING TO LEARN FROM THEIR WISDOM AND FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE. 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 “He Became a Lamb” – Beall**

**~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 glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;**

**For Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;**

**And to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lion’s might;**

**And John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became the herald of Messiah’s name.**

**Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you.**

**Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.**

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**First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 – Not Printed**

**Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13 – Not Printed**

**Gospel: Luke 4:1-13** - <sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup> and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**March 16, 2025 readings are:**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35



# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 8-9, 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

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

In loving memory of Sandra Ciccozzi by Laura Fulmer

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DONATIONS** are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Bob & Gail Jones

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In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Dave & Darlene Fetterman

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mehalko

In loving memory of Paul Pecha by David & Melody Gensure

*Please remember the following in your prayers: The family and friends of Paul Pecha, 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 9, 2025

9:00 The Service of Word & Sacrament  
10:15 Christian Education  
11:00 Confirmation Class  
12:30 Lenten Bible Study  
2:30 Synod Council President's Meeting

## MONDAY

7:00 Finance Meeting

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service/ St. John's

## THURSDAY

7:00 Senior Choir Rehearsal

## FRIDAY

4:00 Lenten Fish Dinner  
5:30 Diaper Depot Prep

## SATURDAY

9:00 Diaper Depot Distribution  
6:00 Saturday Evening Worship

## SUNDAY, March 16, 2025

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

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

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

Received 3/2/25 in support of Zion Ministries:

From our gifts	\$2,586.00
From Thrift Store	\$0.00
From Endowment (other)	\$0.00

Received for Endowment: \$135.00

Received for Capital Campaign: \$868.00

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

From offering/gifts/memorials:	\$21,530.67
From Thrift Store:	\$0.00*
From Endowment:	\$0.00
From Culinary:	\$1,900.00

Year-to-date total for Zion's mission/ministries: \$23,430.67

*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.*

# Upcoming Events

**March 14, 28 & April 11** – Lenten Fish Dinners

**April 4** – Blessings Thrift Sale

**April 13** – Palm Sunday Potluck

**April 24** – Hoagie Sale

*We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and friends of Paul Pecha Jr., who passed away on March 1, 2025. We ask God to comfort the family at this time. Please keep them in your prayers.*

**Lenten Bible Study: Sunday Afternoons - March 2<sup>nd</sup> - April 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2pm in the Choir Room** - Join us for **“The Last Days of Jesus”** 6-Session Bible Study! From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His glorious resurrection, the **Last Days of Jesus** Bible study provides a fantastic overview of six major events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection! Hosted by Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Licensed Lay Minister Candidates Michael Haspe, & Nancy Meiser. Pre-Registration Required so we can order enough materials. Please email [zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com](mailto:zionlutheraneducation@gmail.com), or signup in the Gathering Room. We hope to see you there!

**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. You can also sponsor the Candles for the month at \$40. **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 Dinners - March 14, 28 and 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 dinners is **March 11, 25 & 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 March 14<sup>th</sup> dinner. Contact Mary Ruth by March 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**A March 23<sup>rd</sup> Altar Flower sponsor and  
bulletin sponsors for March 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> are needed.  
Please sign up on the church bulletin board**

**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 St. John’s.

### **Easter Gifts**

Easter is generally a time when gifts and memorials are presented. While we would welcome and appreciate a special gift to any of our funds most Easter gifts usually arrive as Endowment Fund, Capital Campaign Fund or Easter lilies. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Church office. **This Form must accompany your contributions so that the office knows if your memorial is to be placed in the Easter Sunday handout.**

Easter lily/ Endowment Fund/ Capital Campaign (Circle one)

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ Or

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



**Cost is \$10.00 per Lily. Endowment Gifts and other gifts can be any amount. Please return this form to the office no later than Monday, March 30, 2025. This is a firm deadline please have your orders in by the due date so that the lily order can be placed.**