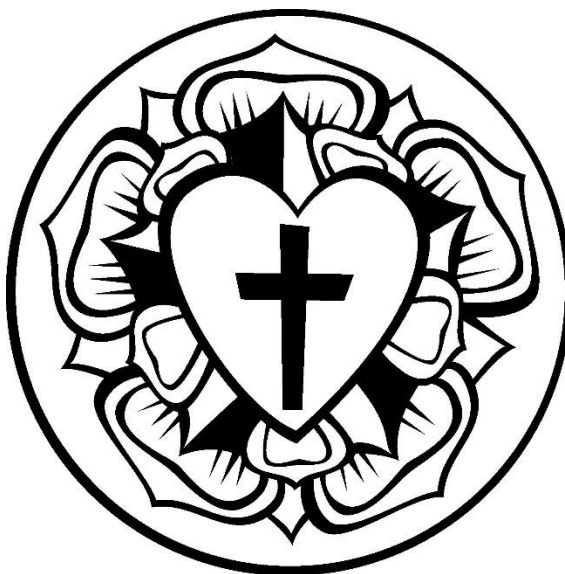


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign our guest book at the Entrance to our Sanctuary. Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Holy Communion: Participation in Holy Communion is open to all baptized Christians that believe Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We now offer gluten free wafers for those requesting them. Let the Pastor know your preference if so.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE PADS AT THE END OF EACH PEW. This is very helpful as it keeps us up to date on attendance numbers.

Circle of Prayer: Jenny Lee Parker
 Susan Parker and Cory

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Betsy & James Sears and Family. Given by Ed & Susie Shaw.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Mark & Sallie Johnson and Family. Given by Ed & Susie Shaw.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my grandparents, Vernon & Jean Harp. Given by Michael Harp.

Please keep in prayer: Patti Allen, Christine Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Patsy Boward, Bob Bowers, Nell Britner, Rocky Burger, Sarah Crawford, Cindy Dawson, Cindy Dean, Margie Dilworth, Terry and Ellie Doub, Frank Downey, Ryan Downey, Sally Drury, Jack Fazenbaker, Cheryl Grove, Kay and Mary Guessford, Mary Henderson, Amanda Himes, Bill Keller, Samantha Kerrs, Sarah Kiley, Kathleen Knode, Tom Knode, Rachel Knox, Teresa Koons, Sandra and Frank Largent, Hailey and Andy Manuel, Lilly Merrell, Connie Michael, Sue Moser, Pat Myers, Penny and Danielle Nigh, Rev. Thomas and Linda Perry, Gina Raidt, Mackenzie Raidt, Betty Snook, Rhoda Souders, Driver Spade, Kaiden St. Peter, Brian Thomas, Ray Thomas, Dolly Trumpower, Dave Vaughn, Leonard Vaughn, David Warner, John Warden, Mary Whetzel, Marlin Witfield.

September 28, 2025
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgy – Of the Land and Seasons

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Allegretto” Cesar Franck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: #796 How Firm a Foundation

GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

Kyrie

Cantor

We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make
plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.
Assembly
Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.
Cantor
Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -
til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.
Assembly
Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.
Cantor
De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and
root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.
Assembly
Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Kyrie
Music: MY FATHER, HOW LONG, African American spiritual
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HYMN OF PRAISE

Oh, Sing of God's Great Victory!

Verses: Cantor



1 Oh, sing of God's great vic - to - ry! Je - sus'
2 This is the feast of vic - to - ry of the
3 Oh, is it not a mys - ter - y that our
4 All hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might, sing the



blood has set us free! Let all his crea - tures
glo - rious Lamb a - bove. Now all God's peo - ple
Lord a Lamb should be, who on the cru - el
hosts to Christ on high; all pow - er, rich - es,



join our songs, for to Christ the throne be - longs.
gath - er round for the ban - quet of God's love.
cross was slain, but a - rose in heav'n to reign.
wis - dom, strength. Now let all on earth re - ply:

Refrain: All



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais - es to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on Revelation 5

Music: THE SHEPHERD'S DAUGHTER AND THE KING, Appalachian traditional

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)

WORD

First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-78:4-7

Psalms

Psalms 146 (sung)

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)

O God, Whose Word Well-Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun - dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ABIDING PRESENCE, Stephen P. Folkemer, b. 1952

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Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord

Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

MOMENTS FOR GENEROUSITY

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Deacon Emily Orner

Hymn of the Day #787 On Eagle's Wings

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**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 to the dead. *
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

P/ God of Grace,

C/ Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Musical Offering

8:15 am "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

arr. Eric Thiman

Adult Choir

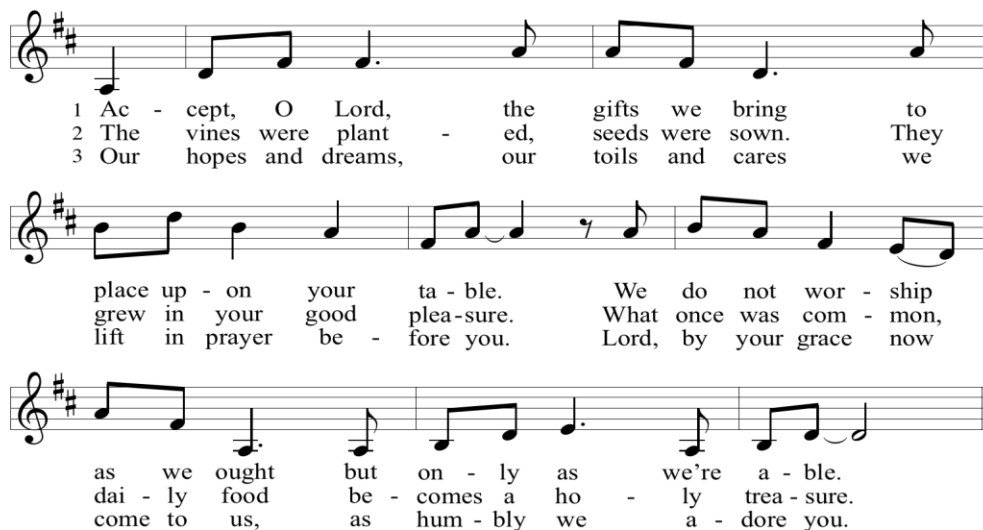
10:45 am "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. John Carter

MEAL

OFFERTORY

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea-sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

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Music: BARB'RY ELLEN, Appalachian traditional

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OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Long, Long Ago In Jerusalem

Verses: Cantor or choir

1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and

scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts

tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove, I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain: Assembly

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's
glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Sanctus

Music: SHADY GROVE, Appalachian traditional

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)

**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

**Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.**

O Lamb of God, to Earth You Came

1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to

save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from

on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei

Music: THE SUFFOLK MIRACLE, Appalachian traditional

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DISTRIBUTION: Salvation and new life come to us through the bread and wine at Christ's command as he says, "This is my body given for you and this is my blood shed for you." Communion is being served either at stations or in your pew. Follow the directions given by the Pastor & the Ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn #838 Beautiful Savior

Hymn #725 When the Poor Ones

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Prayer after Communion

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Blessing

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #769 If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Laudamus Te (We Praise You O God)" Carl F. Mueller

THE WEEK AHEAD

September 28, 2025

8:15 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship Service
7:00 pm	Movie Night

September 30, 2025

7:00 pm	Jazz Band Rehearsal
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October 1, 2025

8:00 am	Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 am	Bible Study

October 2, 2025

6:00 pm	Bell Choir
6:30 pm	AA
7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

October 4, 2025

10:00 am	Harvest HoeDown
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WORSHIP SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Ushers

8:15 am	Chris Baran
10:45 am	Vaughn Miller

Greeters

8:15 am	Lois Dreisbach
10:45 am	Marjorie Dilworth

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Sherri Taylor
10:45 am	Dawn Stiles

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	David Knode and Margie Wolverson
10:45 am	Lesa Mason and Dawn Stiles

8:15 am	Acolyte: Dawson Miller	Crucifer:
10:45 am	Acolyte: Jordyn Miles	Crucifer: Eideann Banzhoff

Altar Care

8:15 am	Jack & Carol Turner
10:45 am	Valerie Dzbynski

Film Schedule:

8:15 am	The Baran Family
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WORSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 5, 2025

Ushers

8:15 am	Ray Thomas
10:45 am	Vaughn Miller

Greeters

8:15 am	Bob & Jen Budnicki
10:45 am	The Snook Family

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Bob Budnicki
10:45 am	Charles Crown

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	Lois Dreisbach and Darlene Teach
10:45 am	Lesa Mason and Charles Crown

8:15 am	Acolyte: Ian Baran	Crucifer: Loren Baran
10:45 am	Acolyte: Andrew Snook	Crucifer: Leah Snook

Altar Care

8:15 am	Matt & Gina Baker
10:45 am	Dawn Stiles

Film Schedule:

10:45 am	Brandon Stiles
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for our Homebound & Shut Ins – Barbara & Jim Burger, Jean Brechbill, Terry Conrad, Bob Gordon, Dorothea Heavner, Kathleen Knode, Demeta Matlack, Roger Nicodemus, Tom and Linda Perry, Marilyn Schoenian, Ien & Heng Ya Srun, Kitty Smalts, Bonnie Thomas, James Thomas & Melvin Wigfield.

Capital Campaign Update: As of September 22, 2025, we have received \$9,660.00 of our \$15,000.00 goal for the needed repairs to the HVAC system and the roof. On Tuesday, the HVAC work began as the units were removed from the roof, and the interior units were removed from the attic and basement in the parish house. The roof repairs will begin in approximately 2 weeks.

The rose on the altar honors the birth of Grayson Steven Sears. Grayson was born on September 19, 2025, and is the son of James and Betsy Sears. The proud grandparents are Ed and Susie Shaw. Everyone is doing well.

Today, we welcome Deacon Emily Orner, Director of Community Relations and Engagement at the Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area to the pulpit. She will be updating us on the role the ECLA??? Has played in the lives of many of the refugees that have resettled in the United States. Please plan to stay for the luncheon following the 10:45 service to honor the Sruns and many of our other families.

With the school season kicking off, Micah's Backpack is starting. Last year, we served over 30 children in the Williamsport School District. We need to stock our shelves. At this time, we need microwavable macaroni and cheese cups, ramen noodles (chicken or beef flavored), and pop tarts. If you have questions, please see Jackie Taylor

Tonight, at 7:00 pm, there will be a showing of *The King of Kings* in the Fellowship Hall. It is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a comfortable chair, a pillow or a blanket and come enjoy this movie with your friends and family.

We welcome any new singers to come try out choir rehearsals Thursdays 7-8:30 pm. You don't need to read music just to enjoy singing in a group and helping with leading worship. Come see any choir member or the Director of Music. We gladly welcome new singers. Come join in on the joy of making music.

The irises are doing very well at Zion. They need to be thinned out. If you would like to dig some up, please come and take as many as you want - just don't leave big gaps in the plantings. Along the stone wall is where they are thickest. If you have questions, please see Lois Dreisbach.

SAVE THE DATE:

October 4, 2025	Harvest HoeDown
October 18, 2025 -	Spaghetti Dinner
October 26, 2025 --	Reformation Sunday, Confirmation Sunday
November 1, 2025 -	Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner
November 16, 2025	Congregational Meeting
November 16, 2025	Community Thanksgiving Service

May Your Redemption Bear Fruit in Us

O dearest Lord Jesus Christ,
through this wonderful sacrament
you have commanded us
to remember your suffering
and proclaim it.
Move us to make use
of this sacrament
of your body and blood,
that your redemption
may bear fruit in us daily;
for you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one true God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Source: *Die pommersche Kirchen-Ordnung und Agenda*, p. 380. *Gebetbuch, enthaltend die sämtlichen Gebete und Seufzer Martin Luther's...* attributes it to Luther.