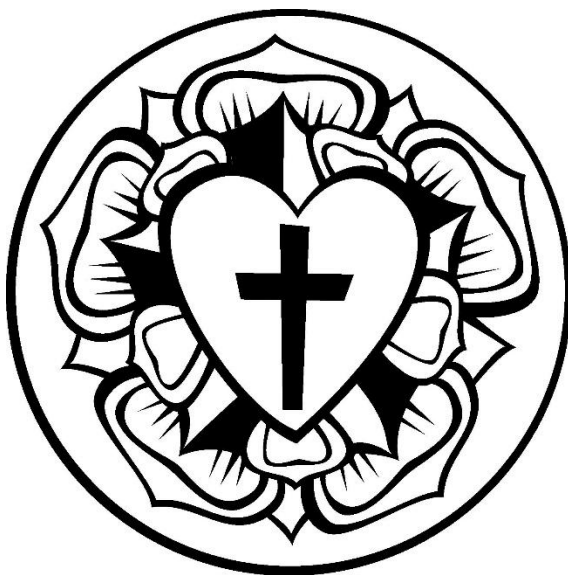


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 5, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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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: Rev. and Mrs. Thomas (Linda) Perry
 Patricia Plotner

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband William Wilson. Given by Marilyn Wilson.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of my son, David Smalts', birthday on October 6. Given by Kitty Smalts.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Ruth F. Thomas, and in honor of the birthday of my granddaughter, Kyra B. Thomas. Given by H. Ray Thomas.

Please keep in prayer: Patti Allen, Christine Anderson, Randy 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, Charles Matlack, 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, The Family of Melvin Wigfield, Marlin Witfield.

October 5, 2025
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgy – Of the Land and Seasons

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. John Carter

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: #517 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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.

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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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms

Psalms 37:1-9 (sung)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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 17:5-10

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

Rev. Kimberly Nunberg-Wadel

Hymn of the Day #633 We've Come This Far by Faith

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

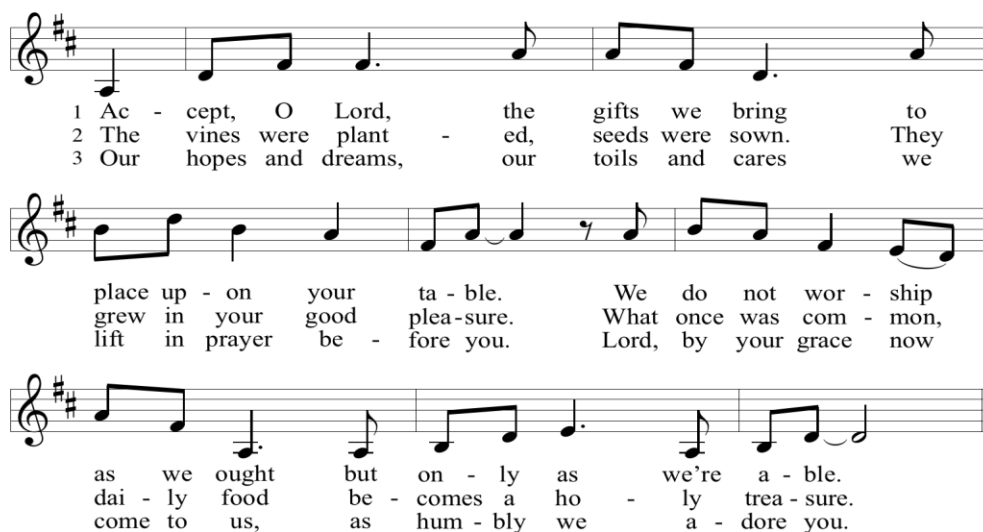
8:15 am "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
arr. Mark Hayes

10:45 am "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
arr. Eric Thiman
Adult Choir

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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EUCHARISTIC 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

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first two lines of the hymn, with a second line of lyrics starting with '2 O' for a two-part setting. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the hymn with the final line of lyrics.

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 #623 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Hymn #526 God Is Here!

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 #705 God of Grace and God of Glory

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude "God of Grace" arr. Paul Manz

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THE WEEK AHEAD

October 5, 2025

8:15 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship Service
2:00 pm	Community Band

October 7, 2025

6:30 pm	Kinder Haven Board Meeting
7:00 pm	Jazz Band Rehearsal

October 8, 2025

11:00 am	Bible Study
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October 9, 2025

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

October 11, 2025

9:00 am	Congregational Training
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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	Joy Neikirk

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	Jamie & Joy Neikirk

Film Schedule:

10:45 am	Brandon Stiles
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WORSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 12, 2025

Ushers

8:15 am	Chris Baran
10:45 am	Randy Miles

Greeters

8:15 am	Terry & Debbie Grossnickle
10:45 am	Lesa & Joey Mason

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Ray Thomas
10:45 am	Charles Crown

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	Sali Recchia and Ray Thomas
10:45 am	Lesa Mason

8:15 am	Acolyte: Dawson Miller	Crucifer:
10:45 am	Acolyte: Jordyn Miles	Crucifer: Brandon Stiles

Altar Care

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

Film Schedule:

8:15 am	The Baran Family
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for our Homebound & Shut Ins – Randy Anderson, 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.

Capital Campaign Update: As of September 22, 2025, we have received \$10,660.00 of our \$15,000.00 goal for the needed repairs to the HVAC system and the roof. The HVAC work has been completed. Roof repairs will begin soon.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Melvin Wigfield, who passed away on September 28, 2025. Please keep Becky and Gary Stine and the rest of the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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. Currently, we need microwavable macaroni and cheese cups, ramen noodles (chicken or beef flavored), and pop tarts. If you have questions, please see Jackie Taylor

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.

On October 18, 2025, Zion will host a spaghetti dinner from 4 pm to 6 pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Help is also needed. Sign up sheets available. Please see Darlene Teach for more information.

On October 24, 2025, Zion and Kinder Haven will be having a Trunk or Treat for our families and the community. We need your help. We need donations of individually wrapped candy and snacks like chips and small toys to give away. We also need people to come down and help give out the treats. Please see Pastor Kim or contact the office for more information.

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 18, 2025 - Spaghetti Dinner
October 24, 2025 - Trunk or Treat (sponsored with Kinder Haven)
October 26, 2025 -- Reformation Sunday, Confirmation Sunday
November 1, 2025 - Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner
November 15, 2025 - Fall Clean Up
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.