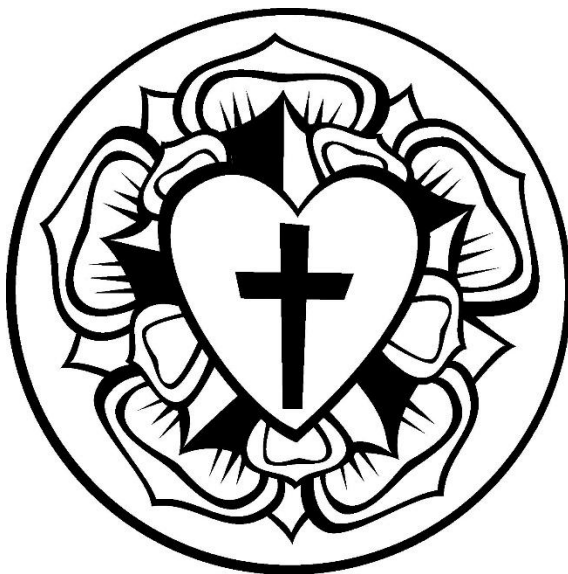


Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 16, 2025
Twenty Third Sunday After Pentecost



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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 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: Marilyn Schoenian
James & Betsy Sears, Harrison, Palmer and Grayson

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Kitty Smalts in honor of her 107th birthday on November 28. Given by Kay and Mary Guessford.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God.

Lunches this month are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Jane Kershner. Given by Ed & Susie Shaw.

Please keep in prayer: Patti Allen, Christine Anderson, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Becky Bohrer, Patsy Boward, Bob Bowers, Nell Britner, Rocky Burger, Sarah Crawford, Cindy Dawson, Cindy Dean, Margie Dilworth, Terry and Ellie Doub, Sally Drury, Jack Fazenbaker, Chris Griffith, Cheryl Grove, Kay and Mary Guessford, Mary Henderson, Amanda Himes, Bill Keller, Samantha Kerrs, Sarah Kiley, Kathleen Knode, Dave Knode, Tom Knode, Rachel Knox, Teresa Koons, Sandra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Katie McDowell, Lilly Merrell, Connie Michael, Patty Miller, Sue Moser, Pat Myers, Penny and Danielle Nigh, Rev. Thomas and Linda Perry, Gina Raidt, Mackenzie Raidt, Ed Shaw, Betty Snook, Rhoda Souders, Driver Spade, Bob Taylor, Dolly Trumpower, Dave Vaughn, Leonard Vaughn, David Warner, John Warden, Mary Whetzel, Marlin Witfield, Diane Wollard.

November 16, 2025
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Liturgy – Of the Land and Seasons

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “When We All Get To Heaven” arr. Pepper Choplin

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**
**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.**
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
**We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.**
**Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.**

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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



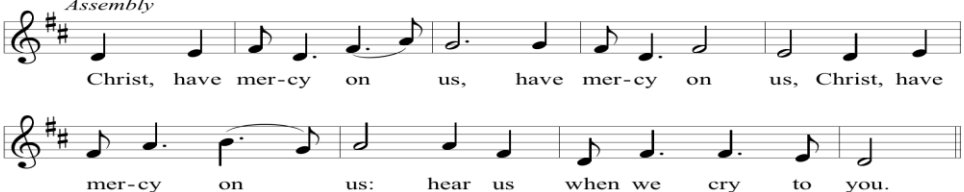
Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

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



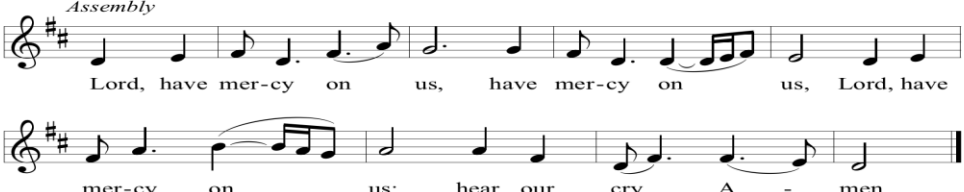
Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have
mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

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!

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)

WORD

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm

Psalm 98 (spoken)

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

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.

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

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After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord

Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

MOMENTS OF MERCY

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Rev. Kimberly Nunberg-Wadel

Hymn of the Day #785 It Is Well With My Soul

10:45 am THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (Red Hymnal Page 227)
Jeremiah Lee Cassner

Hymn #781 Children of the Heavenly Father

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/ Hear us O God,, C/ Your mercy is great.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Musical Offering

8:15 am “Jesus the Very Thought of Thee
arr. Eleanor Whitsett

10:45 am “One Faith, One Hope, One Lord”
Craig Courtney
Adult choir
Ross Himes, Trumpet

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)

God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. 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

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

O Lamb of God, to Earth You Came

The musical score is written for two voices, labeled 1 and 2. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, to 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.

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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 #724 All Who Love and Serve Your City

Hymn #711 O Day of Peace

Please stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Prayer after Communion

**God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.**

**Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.**

Amen.

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #437 On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Trumpet Tune in D” Henry Purcell

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THE WEEK AHEAD

November 16, 2025

8:15 am	Worship Service
9:30 am	Congregational Meeting, Fellowship Hall
10:45 am	Worship Service
2:00 pm	Community Band Rehearsal
3:00 pm	Community Choir Fest, St. James Brethern

November 18, 2025

Noon	Garden Club
7:00 pm	Jazz Band Rehearsal

November 19, 2025

8:00 am	Men’s Fellowship (Hub City Diner)
11:00 am	Bible Study

November 20, 2025

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

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Ushers

8:15 am	Dave Knode
10:45 am	Marvin Gower

Greeters

8:15 am	Terry & Debbie Grossnickle
10:45 am	Joy Neikirk

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Debbie Grossnickle
10:45 am	Barb Hovermale

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	Joe Moser and Darlene Teach
10:45 am	Charles Crown and Nicole Banzhoff

8:15 am	Acolyte: Dawson Miller	Crucifer:
10:45 am	Acolyte: Leah Snook	Crucifer: Andrew Snook

Altar Care

8:15 am	Brent & Jackie Taylor
10:45 am	

Film Schedule:

10:45 am	Brandon Stiles
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WORSHIP SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2025**Ushers**

8:15 am	John Doub
10:45 am	Vaughn Miller

Greeters

8:15 am	Lee & Ann Marie Downey
10:45 am	Dawn, Brandon and Luke Stiles

Lay Readers

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

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	David Knode and Lois Dreisbach
10:45 am	Lesa Mason and Charles Crown

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

Altar Care

8:15 am

Brent & Jackie Taylor

10:45 am

Jamie & Joy Neikirk

Film Schedule:

8:15 am

Bob Budnicki

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

This morning, at the 10:45 Service, we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism as Jeremiah Lee Cassner receives the Sacrament of Baptism. His sponsors are the Nunberg-Wadel Family. Pastor Kim Nunberg-Wadel is his godparent.

It is time to order Poinsettias for the Christmas Season. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. Orders are due to the office by November 21, 2025. You can sign the clipboard or you can call the office to order yours.

Micah's Backpack has the following needs: microwaveable macaroni and cheese cups, ramen noodles (chicken or beef flavored), and pop tarts. If you have questions, please see Jackie Taylor.

Volunteers are needed to provide Altar Care for both services, especially the 10:45 service. You would be responsible for making sure that the wine and grape juice are filled prior to service, as well as preparing the bread. Clean up after the services is also needed. If you can help, please see Jackie Taylor.

There will be a Congregational Meeting at 9:30 am on November 16, 2025. It will be held in the fellowship Hall between services. At that time, the 2026 Budget will be presented. In addition, new members will be elected to Council. There are several openings. For more information on the Council openings, please see Dawn Stiles, Council President.

The Williamsport Food Bank has the following needs for the month of November: spaghetti and sauce, applesauce, canned kidney beans, cereal, canned vegetable soup and canned sauerkraut.

Donations can be dropped off at the church in the bin by the Fellowship Hall or taken to the Food Bank.

As you may know, Zion participates in the Williamsport Ministerium which aids the Williamsport Community members that are in need. This support includes the Williamsport Food Bank. With the government shut down continuing, funding for SNAP and WIC benefits will end on November 1. These programs help to alleviate hunger for those that are suffering food insecurity in our community. With the increases in food prices, many families are having to make tough decisions about paying their bills or putting food on the table. As a result, we are having more calls to the office from people seeking emergency food assistance. People are referred to the Food Bank, which is open on Mondays and Thursdays. To aid our community, we are going to start keeping 4 bags of food in the office which will provide assistance during this time. The bags will contain enough food to sustain a family of 4 for 2 or 3 days, until the Food Bank is open. People will also be given information about various other avenues of assistance available in Washington County. A bag costs \$35.00. Would you please consider sponsoring one? Finally, if you are reading this and are a member of this Zion experiencing food insecurity or have a need for assistance with a bill, please speak with the Pastor. Zion will attempt to help you to the best of our ability.

SAVE THE DATE:

November 16, 2025	Congregational Meeting
November 16, 2025	Community Thanksgiving Service
November 30, 2025	Family Movie Night "A Journey to Bethlehem"
November 30, 2025	First Sunday of Advent