



# 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.

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:           Selena Wilkes  
  Dorothy Williams

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Margie Stoner's "29<sup>th</sup>" Birthday on April 1. We love you Margie/Mom/Oma. Given by Tara, Brad, Megan, Phil, Caden, Landon and Ernie.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marvin Alexander on his birthday on March 26. Given by Carol Alexander.

Lunches this month are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Teach's birthday. Given by Darlene Teach.

**March 29, 2026**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Liturgy – Setting 5, Red Hymnal, Page 156

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE “I Love to Tell the Story” arr. Emma Lou Diemer**

**PROCESSION OF THE PALMS**

**GATHERING**

The holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**ACCLAMATION**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Processional Gospel**

**Matthew 21:1-11**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**BLESSING OF THE PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God,  
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Today he entered the holy city in triumph  
and was proclaimed messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.  
Bless these branches and those who carry them.  
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,  
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,  
we enter into life with you;  
through the same Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **PROCESSION**

Let us go forth in peace,  
**in the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Processional Hymn: #344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

### **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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)**

### **WORD**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 50:4-9a**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 31:9-16 (spoken)**

**Second Reading**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand) (Red Hymnal, Page 160)**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 26:14-27:66**

**After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord**

**Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ**

**(Please be seated)**

**SILENCE FOR MEDITATION**

**Hymn of the Day #343 My Song Is Love Unknown**

**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

**“The Legend”  
Pietr Tchaikovsky  
Adult Choir**

### MEAL

**OFFERTORY Hymn #678 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending  
(Verses 1)**

**OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus’ name.**

**Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Red Hymnal, page 161)**

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 (Red Hymnal, Page 162)**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung, Red Hymnal, page 163)**

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**

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

### **AGNUS DEI (Red Hymnal, Page 164)**

**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 at the altar in your pew. Follow the directions given by the Pastor & the Ushers.

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**Hymn #337 Alas! And did My Savior Bleed**

**Hymn #338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

*Please stand*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #347 Go to Dark Gethsemane**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude "As Jesus Stood Beside the Cross" Samuel Scheidt**

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

March 29, 2026

8:15 am

9:30 am

10:45 am

2:00 pm

6:00 pm

Palm Sunday

Worship Service

Sunday School

Worship Service

Community Band Rehearsal

Movie Night (*Sight and Sound: Jesus*)

March 31, 2026

7:00 pm

Jazz Band

April 2, 2026

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday

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Worship Service

April 3, 2026

7:00 pm

Good Friday

Office Closed

Worship Service

April 4, 2026

9:00 am

6:00 pm

Sanctuary Decoration

Easter Vigil (Trinity Lutheran, Hagerstown)

April 5, 2026

6:30 am

8:15 am

9:30 am

10:45 am

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service, The Springfield Barn

Worship Service

Sunday School

Worship Service

## WORSHIP SERVERS FOR MARCH 29, 2026 (PALM SUNDAY)

### Ushers

8:15 am

Dave Knode

10:45 am

Marvin Gower

### Greeters

8:15 am

Lois Dreisbach and Darlene Teach

10:45 am

Joy & Jamie Neikirk

**Lay Readers**

8:15 am Bob Budnicki  
10:45 am Joy Neikirk

**Communion Assistants**

8:15 am Margie Wolverton and Lois Dreisbach  
10:45 am Charles Crown and Kathy Himes

8:15 am Acolyte: Dawson Miller Crucifer:  
10:45 am Acolyte: Jeremy Cassner Crucifer: Brandon Stiles

**Altar Care**

8:15 am Matt & Gina Baker  
10:45 am Joy & Jamie Neikirk

**Film Schedule:**

10:45 am Brandon Stiles

**WORSHIP SERVERS FOR APRIL 5, 2026 (EASTER SUNDAY)**

**Ushers**

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

**Greeters**

8:15 am Terry & Debbie Grossnickle  
10:45 am Marjorie Dilworth

**Lay Readers**

8:15 am Debbie Grossnickle  
10:45 am Michael Harp

**Communion Assistants**

8:15 am Kathy Himes, Charles Crown, Joe Moser  
Bob Budnicki, and Darlene Teach  
10:45 am Kathy Himes, Dawn Stiles, Brandon Stiles,  
Jamie Neikirk and Charles Crown

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

**Altar Care**

**8:15 am**                    **Brent & Jackie Taylor**  
**10:45 am**                    **Joy & Jamie Neikirk**

**Film Schedule:**

**10:45 am**                    **Brandon Stiles**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please keep in prayer: Patty Allen, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Terry and Ellie Doub, Sally Drury, Kristine Griffith, Terry Grossnickle, Kay and Mary Guessford, AJ Haque, Ronnie Jackson, Robert Kerns, Sarah Kiley, Harry Knode, Rachel Knox, Sandra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Liam Manuel, Vaughn Miller, Pat Myers, Linda Perry, Mackenzie Raidt, Driver Spade, Millie St. Peter, Dolly Trumpower, Diane Wollard.

Homebound & Shut Ins – Randy Anderson, Bob Bowers, Barbara Burger, Jean Brechbill, Terry Conrad, Bob Gordon, Dorothea Heavner, Demeta Matlack, Roger Nicodemus, Linda Perry, Marilyn Schoenian, Ien & Heng Ya Srun, Kitty Smalts, Bonnie Thomas, James Thomas.

There will be one service on April 12, 2026, at 9:30 am. There will be a potluck in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

The office will be closed on Friday, April 3 (Good Friday) and Monday, April 6 (Easter Monday). Dorothy will return to the office on Tuesday.

On April 5, 2026, Fellowship will be held at 9:30 am only.

If you have a child, that is at least 6 years older and is ready to begin the journey to taking Communion with our family, classes will be held in April. First Communion will be celebrated on April 26. Please see Pastor Kim for more information.

There will be a soup sale on April 11, 2026. The cost is \$8.00 per quart. It will be from 10 am – 2 pm, carry out only. Pre-orders are encouraged. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact Kathy Himes.

Spring Clean up has been rescheduled to April 11, 2026 from 8 am – 11 am. Please come help.

The mowing list is up on the Bulletin Board in the Hallway. Please take a day or two to help keep Zion looking great.

And speaking of looking great, Lois Dreisbach could use some help with our many flower beds. Please contact Lois if you can help.

Calling all graduating seniors – Zion will honor our seniors on May 31, 2026, at both services. Please contact the office to let us know you are graduating and what your future plans are.

The Property Committee has a gently used snowblower for sale. It has only been used once. It is 24 inches. Asking \$400.00. Please see Joe Moser for more information.

The Williamsport Food Bank has the following needs for the month of March: cereal, canned beef stew, canned chicken and dumplings, vegetable soup, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, beef or chicken cup o' noodles, canned peaches, canned pears, jarred applesauce, baked beans, canned chili, canned spinach, canned chicken, tuna, and peanut butter and grape jelly. Donations can be placed in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall. If it is easier for you, you can make a monetary donation made payable to the Williamsport Food Bank. Thank you for your help and generosity.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

April 11, 2026	8 am Spring Clean-Up
April 11, 2026	10 am – 2 pm Soup Sale
April 26, 2026	Family Movie Night ( <i>The Prince of Egypt</i> )