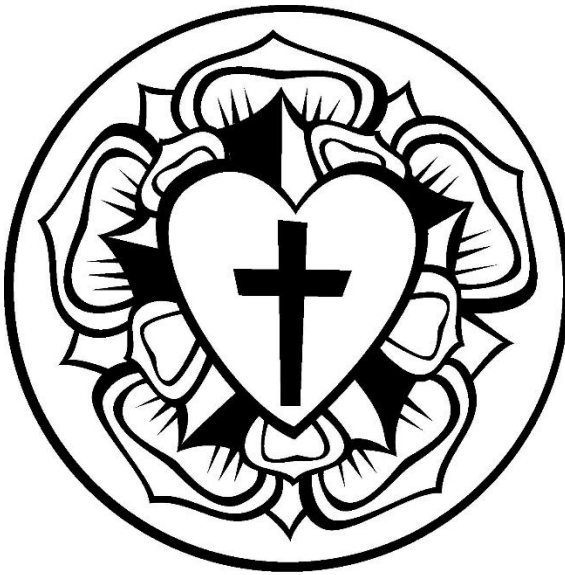


*Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church*

August 16, 2026

Twelfth 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.

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: Becky Carmel
 Traci Castle

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my father, John Dean's birthday on August 22. Given by Susan, Nancy and Brittney.

The Bulletin today 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 Barbara Knode in remembrance of her 61st wedding anniversary. Given by Harry Knode, Chris, Donna and Amanda Nave.

Lunches this month are dedicated to the Glory of God and In Honor of my brother, Randy Zepp's, belated birthday on August 9. Given by Wendy Reeves Wise.

August 16, 2026, 2026
Twelfth Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgy – Red Hymnal, Setting 10, Page 203

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” arr. Winifred Winans

CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS

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,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ’s name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: #886 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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 (Red Hymnal, Page 203)

HYMN OF PRAISE (Red Hymnal, Page 204)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm

Psalm 67 (spoken)

Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand) (Red Hymnal, Page 205)

Gospel

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord

Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Rev. Kimberly Nunberg-Wadel

Hymn of the Day #759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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/ Merciful God,

C/ Receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Musical Offering

**“Hymn Medley”
(Be Thou My Vision/Beneath the Cross of Jesus)
Jack Fazenbaker, Baritone**

MEAL

OFFERTORY Hymn #691 Accept O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Red Hymnal, Page 206)

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 207)

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

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

AGNUS DEI (Red Hymnal, Page 208)

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 or in your pew. Follow the directions given by the Pastor & the Ushers.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn #612 Healer of Our Every Ill

Hymn #359 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Please stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #605 Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude “When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. Winifred Winans

THE WEEK AHEAD

August 16, 2026

8:15 am	Worship Service
10:45 am	Worship Service
2:00 pm	Back to School Fair

August 18, 2026

Noon	Garden Club
7:00 pm	Jazz Band

August 20, 2026

6:30 pm	AA
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August 21, 2026

5:15 pm	Zion Night at the Boxcars
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WORSHIP SERVERS FOR AUGUST 16, 2026

Ushers

8:15 am	Dave Knode
10:45 am	Joey Mason

Greeters

8:15 am	Dave & Shirley Knode
10:45 am	Jamie & Joy Neikirk

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Carol Turner
10:45 am	Joy Neikirk

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	Lois Dreisbach and Joe Moser
10:45 am	Jamie Neikirk and Kathy Himes

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

Altar Care

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

Film Schedule:

8:15 am	Bob Budnicki
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WORSHIP SERVERS FOR AUGUST 23, 2026**Ushers**

8:15 am	John Doub
10:45 am	Marvin Gower

Greeters

8:15 am	Ernie & Margie Stoner
10:45 am	Lesa & Joey Mason

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Ernie Stoner
10:45 am	Dustin Black

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	David Knode and Joe Moser
10:45 am	Kathy Himes

8:15 am	Acolyte: Loren Baran	Crucifer: Ian Baran
10:45 am	Acolyte: Jeremy Cassner	Crucifer: Jordyn Miles

Altar Care

8:15 am	Matt and Gina Baker
10:45 am	Ed & Susie Shaw

Film Schedule:

8:15 am	The Baran Family
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in prayer: Patty Allen, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Cindy Dean, Sally Drury, Kristine Griffith, Kay and Mary Guessford, AJ Haque, Greg Harp, Roger Hecker, Robert Kerns, Sarah Kiley, Harry Knode, Rachel Knox, Saundra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Liam Manuel, Sue Moser, Pat Myers, Carol Nedemyer, Roger Nicodemus, Maria Nunnally, Linda Perry, Mackenzie Raidt, Jim Rudolph, Marilyn Schoenian, Driver Spade, John Stanton, Kim Thomas, Levi Webb, Cheryl Wilkes, Paul Wolverton, Linda Young.

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.

Calling all Bell Ringers, Singers and Musicians. Rehearsals begin on September 3, 2026. Bell Choir rehearses at 6:00 pm. Choir rehearses at 7:00 pm. Please see David Loy for more information.

If you are attending the Flying Boxcar's game on Friday, please be at the church at 5:30 to carpool to the game. We will leave the church promptly at 5:45. If you plan to meet us at the ballpark, meet at the will call area at 6:15 to get your tickets. If you need further information, please see Paula Wyatt.

As we are going to be kicking off the fall season soon, we need the assistance in the following areas: A teacher for Children's Sunday School (please see Val Dzyynski); people to tape the 10:45 service every other Sunday (please see Amanda Baran); acolytes and crucifers for both services (please see Dawn Stiles); altar care for the late service (please see Jackie Taylor); and communion assistants for both services (please see Margie Wolverton).

On Sunday, August 23, 2026, we will be praying over our children and youth as they return to school. Please bring your backpacks to church so they can be blessed for a wonderful school year.

The Williamsport Food Bank has the following needs for the month of August: cereal, peanut butter and grape jelly, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, baked beans, tuna fish and jarred applesauce. 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.

Micah's backpack is on summer vacation until September 2026 when the children return to school. Thank you for your support during this school year.

SAVE THE DATE:

August 15, 2026

August 16, 2026

August 21, 2026

August 12, 2026

September 13, 2026

September 27, 2026

Lunches

Back to School Fair

Zion at the Boxcars

Chicken BBQ

Rally Day

Movie Night