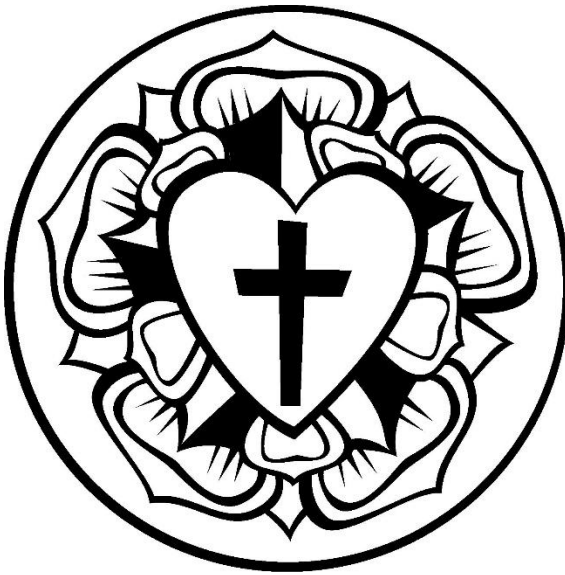


*Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church*

August 23, 2026

Thirteenth 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: Bobby & Mary Colvin
 Terry Conrad

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Paul H. and Ruth F. Thomas. Given by H. Ray Thomas.

The Bulletin today is dedicated to the Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Light is dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of James & Betsy Sears and family. Given by Ed and Susie Shaw.

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.

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

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Thirteenth Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgy – Red Hymnal, Setting 10, Page 203

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Jesus Loves Me” arr. Gary Lanier
Lydia Vickers, Saxophone

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,
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: #807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 51:1-6

Psalm

Psalm 138 (spoken)

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

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

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

After announcement: Glory to You, O Lord
Response after reading: Praise to You, O Christ
(Please be seated)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (Both Services)

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Rev. Kimberly Nunberg-Wadel

Hymn of the Day #729 The Church of Christ in Every Age

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Karen Kuehmann

Lydia Vickers, saxophone

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 #496 One Bread, One Body

Hymn #685 Take My Life that I May Be

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 #470 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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 23, 2026

8:15 am

Worship Service

10:45 am

Worship Service

August 24, 2026

6:30 pm

Property Committee

August 25, 2026

7:00 pm

Jazz Band

August 20, 2026

6:30 pm

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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

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR AUGUST 30, 2026**Ushers**

8:15 am Ray Thomas
10:45 am Kershner Wyatt

Greeters

8:15 am Gary & Kim Alexander
10:45 am Nicole Banzhoff and Eideann

Lay Readers

8:15 am Jackie Taylor
10:45 am Nicole Banzhoff

Communion Assistants

8:15 am Joe Moser and Darlene Teach
10:45 am Kathy Himes

8:15 am Acolyte: Dawson Miller Crucifer: Ian Baran
10:45 am Acolyte: Edianne Banzhoff Crucifer: Sloane Dzbynski

Altar Care

8:15 am Matt and Gina Baker
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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, The Family of Dorothea Heavner, Roger Hecker, Jim Jacobus, Robert Kerns, Sarah Kiley, Harry Knode, Rachel Knox, Sandra

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, Jonah Srun, John Stanton, Kim Thomas, Levi Webb, Cheryl Wilkes, Paul Wolverton, Linda Young.

Today, we welcome Lydia Vickers, saxophonist to our worship service.

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.

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 Dzynski); 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).

Today, 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.

Join Us for a Fall Trip to Hersheypark! Get ready for a fun-filled day at Hersheypark just in time for the Halloween season! Join your Zion family on Saturday, September 19th for a day of rides, attractions, fall fun, and Halloween festivities at the park. The cost is \$80 per person and includes your Hersheypark admission ticket and round-trip transportation from Zion. We'll depart from the Zion parking lot at 9:30 AM and return to the church at approximately 10:00 PM. Only 15 spots are available, so don't wait to sign up! The registration deadline is Monday, August 31. Online registration is preferred at zionlutheranmd.org/hershey. You may also pay by check through Dorothy in the Church Office or see Michael Harp to pay by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to Zion Lutheran Church. Questions? See Michael or email mharp@zionlutheranmd.org. All are welcome, so invite a friend and join us for a great fall day at Hersheypark!

FREE Museum of the Bible Membership for Zion Families! We are excited to share a very generous gift with our Zion family! Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC has offered our entire congregation a FREE one-year "Light on a Hill" membership. The membership includes general admission for two adults and all youth ages 5–17 per visit, plus guest discounts, theater savings, discounts on dining and shopping, and more. Visit zionlutheranmd.org/motb for complete details and instructions on how to redeem your free membership. Zion members must begin at this webpage to access the correct membership link. Questions? Contact Michael Harp at mharp@zionlutheranmd.org.

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.

School is beginning and Micah's Backpack is beginning again as well. Last year, we served over 30 students in the Williamsport School District. Micah's needs the following items to stock the shelves for the beginning of the school year: oatmeal, Pop-Tarts, and microwavable macaroni and cheese. Donations can be dropped in the bin outside of the Fellowship Hall. Or, if you prefer, please put a donation in the offering plate and we will do the shopping for you. Just designate it for Micah's Backpack.

SAVE THE DATE:

September 7, 2026	Labor Day – Office Closed
September 12, 2026	Chicken BBQ
September 13, 2026	Rally Day
September 19, 2026	Lunches
	Trip to Hershey Park
September 27, 2026	Movie Night
October 3, 2026	Harvest Hoedown, Byron Park