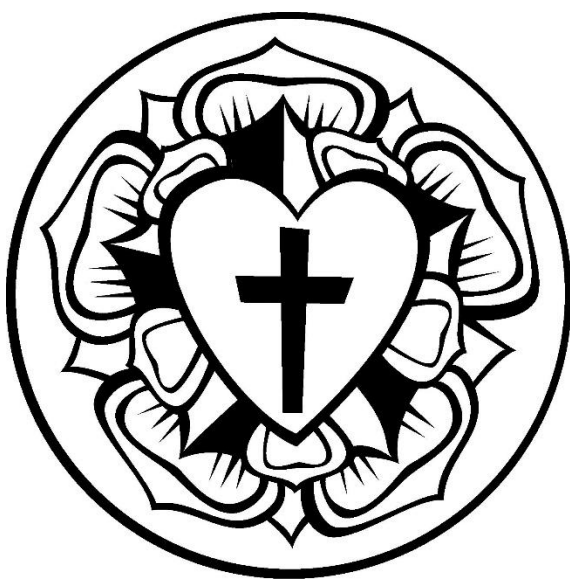


*Zion Evangelical Lutheran
Church
October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*



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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: Terry Doub
 Dennis Doub

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 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

Lunches this month are dedicated to the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Duane Stiles. Given by Dawn, Emily, Brandon and Luke Stiles.

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

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Liturgy – Red Hymnal, Setting 1

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Prelude in F Major” Adolph Hesse

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 pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: #654 The Church's One Foundation

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 98)

HYMN OF PRAISE (Red Hymnal, Page 99)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (on insert)

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm

Psalm 80:7-15 (spoken)

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand) (Red Hymnal, Page 102)

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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. Torben Aarsand

Hymn of the Day #482 I Come With Joy

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 "Come My Way, My Truth, My Life"

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Jacob Young, Baritone

10:45 am "Prayer for Partnership"

Tom Mitchell

Adult Choir

MEAL

OFFERTORY Hymn #188 Create in Me a Clean Heart

OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts

in service to you and in love to our neighbors,

today and always.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Red Hymnal, Page 107)

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 108)

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

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

AGNUS DEI (Red Hymnal, page 112)

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 #416 At the Name of Jesus

Please stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN #596 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “There Is A Fountain” arr. Don Hustad

THE WEEK AHEAD

October 4, 2026

8:15 am

Worship Service

9:30am

Sunday School – All Ages

10:45 am

Worship Service

2:00 pm

Community Band

October 6, 2026

6:30 pm

Kinder Haven Board of Directors

7:00 pm

Jazz Band

October 7, 2026

8:00 am

Men's Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 am

Bible Study

October 8, 2026

6:00 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm

AA

7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal

October 10, 2026

11 am – 2 pm

Chicken BBQ

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 4, 2026

Ushers

8:15 am

Chris Baran

10:45 am

Steve Himes

Greeters

8:15 am

Lois Dreisbach

10:45 am

Joy & Jamie Mason

Lay Readers

8:15 am

Debbie Grossnickle

10:45 am

Nicole Banzhoff

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	Ray Thomas
10:45 am	Charles Crown and Dawn Stiles

8:15 am	Acolyte: Dawson Miller	Crucifer:
10:45 am	Acolyte: Sloane Dzbynski	Crucifer: Eideann Banzhoff

Altar Care

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

Film Schedule:

10:45 am

WORSHIP SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 11, 2026

Ushers

8:15 am	Dave Knode
10:45 am	Randy Miles

Greeters

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

Lay Readers

8:15 am	Ernie Stoner
10:45 am	Joy Neikirk

Communion Assistants

8:15 am	Kathy Himes and Margie Wolverton
10:45 am	Nicole Banzhoff and Jamie Neikirk

8:15 am	Acolyte: Ian Baran	Crucifer: Loren Baran
10:45 am	Acolyte: Brandon Stiles	Crucifer: Luke Stiles

Altar Care

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

Film Schedule:**8:15 am****The Baran Family****ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please keep in prayer: Patty Allen, Randy Anderson, Loretta Bassler, Cindy Dean, Sally Drury, Kristine Griffith, Tom Grazoa, Kay and Mary Guessford, AJ Haque, Greg Harp, Roger Hecker, Jim Jacobus, Robert Kerns, Sarah Kiley, Harry Knode, Tom Knode, Rachel Knox, Sandra and Frank Largent, Charles Matlack, Liam Manuel, Julie Middlekoff, Sue Moser, Pat Myers, Carol Nedemyer, Camden Thomas Nunnally, Maria Nunnally, Linda Perry, Mackenzie Raidt, Jim Rudolph, Marilyn Schoenian, Ginny Slick, Driver Spade, the family of Heng-Ya Srun, Jonah Srun, John Stanton, Emily Stiles, the family of Gerald Thomas, Kim Thomas, Levi Webb, Cheryl Wilkes, Paul Wolverton, Linda Young.

Today we welcome Rev. Torben Aarsand to the pulpit. Pastor Kim will be back next week.

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.

Dear Zion Family.

Thank you so much for the help in getting a chair lift for my home. It will allow me to stay in my home independently for a longer period of time. I love each and everyone of you.

Marjorie Dilworth

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.

The Williamsport Food Bank has the following needs for the month of September: 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.

SAVE THE DATE:

October 10, 2026

Chicken BBQ

October 17, 2026

Lunches

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday (one service)

October 30, 2026

Trunk or Treat (with Kinder Haven)